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1                   **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2                   **TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2013, ON PAGE 160]**

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6   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
7   PRESENCE TODAY AND WE WELCOME YOU TO THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED  
8   MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF COUNTY BOARD OF  
9   SUPERVISORS, TODAY, TUESDAY AUGUST 27TH. WE TAKE NOTE OF THE  
10   FACT THAT OUR SERGEANT AT ARMS IS IN PLACE, AND THAT WOULD BE  
11   PAUL COBLENTZ. OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER SACHI HAMAI. OUR CHIEF  
12   COUNTY COUNSEL, JOHN KRATTLI; AND SITTING AS ASSISTANT C.E.O.  
13   IS BRENCE CULP. OUR MORNING INVOCATION WILL BE DELIVERED BY  
14   THE REVEREND DR. CLYDE W. ODEN, PASTOR OF THE BRYANT TEMPLE  
15   A.M.E. CHURCH AT THE INVITATION OF THE CHAIR, AND OUR PLEDGE  
16   VETERAN TODAY IS ART HERRERA, POST CHAPLAIN/ADJUTANT OF POST  
17   NO. 4696, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
18   AMERICA, HERE IN LOS ANGELES, AND THAT WOULD BE AT THE  
19   INVITATION OF THE HONORABLE GLORIA MOLINA. LADIES AND  
20   GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WOULD PLEASE RISE FOR THIS MORNING'S  
21   INVOCATION. DR. ODEN?

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23   **REV. CLYDE ODEN:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. LET US PRAY. DEAR GOD,  
24   WE COME THIS MORNING ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR PRESENCE AND SEEKING  
25   YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MEETING. WE INVITE YOU HERE IN THE



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1 DELIBERATIONS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MAY THOSE WHO NEED  
2 THE SERVICES THE MOST, THOSE THAT LIVE IN THE SHADOW OF LIFE,  
3 THE POOR, THOSE THAT LIVE IN THE DAWN OF LIFE, THE CHILDREN,  
4 AND THOSE THAT ARE IN THE DUSK OF LIFE, THE SENIORS,  
5 PARTICULARLY HAVE A VOICE HEARD THIS DAY. EMPOWER THOSE THAT  
6 HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE RESPONSIBILITY TO LEAD THIS CONFERENCE,  
7 EMPOWER THEM TO MAKE WISE DECISIONS. WE ASK THIS IN YOUR HOLY  
8 NAME, AMEN.

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10 **ART HERRERA:** THOSE NOT IN UNIFORM, RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART.  
11 THOSE IN UNIFORM, RIGHT HAND SALUTE. PLEASE JOIN ME. [PLEDGE  
12 OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MAY BE SEATED. LADIES AND  
15 GENTLEMEN, LET ME SIMPLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE REVEREND DR. CLYDE  
16 ODEN WHO HAS SERVED AS THE SENIOR PASTOR OF THE BRYANT TEMPLE  
17 A.M.E. CHURCH SINCE 2002. BRYANT TEMPLE IS A GEM IN THE  
18 COMMUNITY THAT WE KNOW AS LEIMERT PARK. THIS MONTH IT IS  
19 CELEBRATING ITS 45TH ANNIVERSARY. AND SO WE SAY TO YOU, AS WAS  
20 SAID TO YOU ON THIS PAST SUNDAY, HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO YOU AND  
21 YOUR CONGREGATION. PRIOR TO BEING APPOINTED TO BRYANT TEMPLE,  
22 PASTOR ODEN SERVED AS THE SENIOR PASTOR OF THE HOLY TRINITY  
23 A.M.E. CHURCH IN NORTH LONG BEACH WHERE HE SERVED FOR SEVEN  
24 YEARS. IN ADDITION TO HIS MINISTERIAL WORK, PASTOR ODEN IS  
25 DEEPLY COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS, HAVING





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1 SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE FAMILY SAVINGS BANK AND  
2 THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE WATTS HEALTH  
3 SYSTEMS AND THE WATTS HEALTH FOUNDATION INCORPORATED. DR. ODEN  
4 HAS EARNED DEGREES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, THAT IS  
5 AT BERKELEY, INCLUDING A DOCTORATE OF OPTOMETRY AND MASTER'S  
6 PUBLIC HEALTH. HE'S ALSO EARNED MASTER'S DEGREES FROM  
7 PEPPERDINE AND CLAREMONT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY. INDEED HE IS A  
8 MAN OF LETTERS. PASTOR ODEN IS MARRIED TO VELMA, A RETIRED  
9 R.N. THEY HAVE THREE ADULT CHILDREN, THREE GRANDCHILDREN AND  
10 ONE GREAT GRANDSON. AND SO IT'S ON BEHALF OF ALL THE MEMBERS  
11 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, PASTOR ODEN, THAT WE SAY TO YOU  
12 THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE THIS MORNING AND DELIVERING THE  
13 INVOCATION TO START OUR MEETING IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY. LADIES  
14 AND GENTLEMEN, THE REVEREND DR. CLYDE W. ODEN, JR. [APPLAUSE.]  
15 WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN GIVING A WARM WELCOME TO THE ONE AND ONLY  
16 ART HERRERA ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA. ART RESIDES IN LOS  
17 ANGELES AND IS POST CHAPLAIN/ADJUTANT FOR THE VETERAN OF  
18 FOREIGN WARS POST NO. 4696, AND SERVED AS AN AIRMAN SECOND  
19 CLASS WITH THE U.S. AIR FORCE FROM 1957 TO 1960. IN 2013, HE  
20 WAS AWARDED THE VETERAN OF THE YEAR AWARD IN SACRAMENTO,  
21 CALIFORNIA. HE RESIDED IN THE FIRST DISTRICT FOR SOME 77  
22 YEARS. HE HAS RESIDED IN THE FIRST DISTRICT FOR SOME 77 YEARS.  
23 HE'S MARRIED WITH THREE CHILDREN, AND HE ATTENDED ROOSEVELT  
24 HIGH SCHOOL. AND SO IT'S WITH THANKS ON BEHALF OF SUPERVISOR  
25 MOLINA AND THE CONSTITUENTS OF THE FIRST DISTRICT THAT WE



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1 EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT APPRECIATION TO YOU AND EXPRESS OUR  
2 GRATITUDE TO YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION. ART HERRERA,  
3 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. [APPLAUSE.] GOOD MORNING, MADAME  
4 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF YOU WOULD PLEASE CALL THE AGENDA.

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, MR.  
7 CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S MEETING  
8 ON PAGE 3, PRESENTATIONS AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-1, THE  
9 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED  
10 TWO WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER 24, 2013 AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S  
11 A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON PAGE 4,  
12 AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
13 COMMISSION, ITEM 1-D, THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** 1-D IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR  
16 KNABE MOVES, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS. I SEE NO  
17 OBJECTIONS, THEREFORE PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 5, PUBLIC HEARINGS, ITEMS  
20 1 THROUGH 6, WE WILL HOLD THESE ITEMS FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING.  
21 ON PAGE 10, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 7 THROUGH 18, ON ITEM  
22 NO. 7, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
23 THIS ITEM. AND ALSO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL VOTE NO ON THIS  
24 MATTER. ON ITEM NO. 13, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE  
25 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. AND ALSO ON ITEM NO. 16, THERE'S A



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1 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM  
2 NO. 17, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR  
3 RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE TAKEN UP AS A SET  
4 ITEM AT 11 A.M. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF  
5 SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY  
8 KINDLY. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS.  
9 I SEE NO OBJECTIONS, THEREFORE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE,  
10 PLEASE. SIR?

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12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE CONTINUATION WAS FOR TWO  
13 WEEKS.

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** TWO WEEKS ON S-1. THANK YOU.  
16 MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** I APOLOGIZE. ACTUALLY THE  
19 CONTINUANCE IS NOW TO SEPTEMBER 24TH INSTEAD OF TWO WEEKS.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PER THE REQUEST OF?

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23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

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25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. PLEASE PROCEED.





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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 15, CONSENT CALENDAR,  
3 ITEMS 19 THROUGH 21. ON ITEMS NO. 19 AND 20, THERE'S A REQUEST  
4 FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NO.  
5 21, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE  
6 WEEK TO SEPTEMBER 3, 2013. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A  
7 REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON PAGE  
8 16, SEPARATE MATTER, ITEM NO. 22, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR  
11 YAROSLAVSKY MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. I SEE NO  
12 OBJECTIONS, THEREFORE PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 20, NOTICES OF CLOSED  
15 SESSION, ON ITEM NO. C..S-2, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL  
16 AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO  
17 SEPTEMBER 24, 2013. AND ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST  
18 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. THAT COMPLETES THE  
19 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS  
20 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 4.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
23 LET'S THEN PROCEED TO THE SERIES OF COUNTYWIDE PRESENTATIONS  
24 THAT WE HAVE TODAY, AND THEN WE'LL MOVE ON ACCORDINGLY. WE  
25 HAVE THREE SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENTS. I'M GOING TO BEGIN AS WE



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1 PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH.  
2 AND WE INVITE THE ESTEEMED CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER AND PUBLIC  
3 HEALTH ADVOCATE DR. JONATHAN FIELDING. YOU KNOW HIM AS THE  
4 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AND HE WILL MAKE  
5 REMARKS ON THE SUBJECT AT HAND AND RECEIVE THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
6 ON BEHALF OF A GRATEFUL COMMUNITY. ADDICTIONS AFFECT AMERICANS  
7 OF ALL AGES, RACES AND ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS AND RESULT IN  
8 MASSIVE MEDICAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC COSTS. IT MIGHT BE NOTED  
9 IN 2011 SOME 2.3 MILLION PEOPLE FROM AGES 12 AND OLDER  
10 RECEIVED SPECIAL TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS.  
11 GIVEN THE SERIOUS NATURE OF THIS PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM, IT IS  
12 CRUCIAL TO REACH MILLIONS MORE WHO NEED HELP. THE COUNTY OF  
13 LOS ANGELES IS ENGAGED IN EFFORTS TO IMPROVE AND SAFEGUARD  
14 PROGRAM INTEGRITY AND ENSURE THE QUALITY OF SERVICES PROVIDED  
15 ACROSS ALL COUNTY-ADMINISTERED ALCOHOL AND DRUG-RELATED  
16 PROGRAMS. SO IT'S DURING NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH INDIVIDUALS  
17 WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR USE DISORDERS LEARN HOW TO LIVE  
18 SUSTAINABLE LIVES AND ENGAGE IN RECOVERY IN A VERY PRACTICAL  
19 AND LASTING WAY. WE SEEK TO CAUSE THEM TO KNOW THAT IT IS  
20 POSSIBLE THROUGH TREATMENT SERVICES. AND RELATIVES OF PEOPLE  
21 WITH SUCH DISORDERS ARE TAUGHT TO RECOGNIZE PROBLEMS AND GUIDE  
22 THOSE IN NEED TO APPROPRIATE SERVICES. SO THIS MONTH ALSO  
23 PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE DEDICATED  
24 PROFESSIONALS WHO PROVIDE TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SERVICES WITH  
25 SKILL AND EMPATHY. SO OVER THE YEARS, THOUSANDS OF PERSONS



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1 HAVE MOVED ON WITH THEIR LIVES OF SOBRIETY AND STABILITY  
2 BECAUSE OF THE COMPASSIONATE AND QUALITY CARE AND TREATMENT  
3 THAT THEY HAVE RECEIVED. SO YOU WILL KNOW THAT WE'VE MADE SURE  
4 THAT WE TAKE THIS MATTER VERY SERIOUSLY. MOTIONS HAVE COME  
5 FORTH TO DO A NUMBER OF THINGS IN THIS AREA. BUT IT IS TODAY  
6 THAT WE TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK TOWARDS SEPTEMBER AS  
7 NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND  
8 OBVIOUSLY, THEN THROUGHOUT OUT THE NATION. SO WE'RE GOING TO  
9 ASK DR. JONATHAN FIELDING IF HE WOULD COME AND HAVE A FEW  
10 WORDS, AS HE IS THE PRINCIPAL PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR  
11 OVERSEEING THE COUNT'S SERVICES IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA. PLEASE  
12 WELCOME DR. JONATHAN FIELDING. [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR, FOR  
15 YOUR LEADERSHIP IN BRINGING THIS ISSUE TO THE BOARD AND TO  
16 EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR VERY STRONG  
17 SUPPORT. IF I ASKED EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM TO RAISE THEIR HAND  
18 IF THEY HAVE BEEN AFFECTED IN SOME WAY BY SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
19 DISORDERS, EVERYBODY WOULD RAISE THEIR HAND, ME INCLUDED.  
20 WHETHER IT'S A FAMILY MEMBER, WHETHER IT'S A FRIEND, WHETHER  
21 IT'S YOURSELF OR A LOVED ONE, THIS IS A UNIVERSAL PROBLEM. AND  
22 THIS MONTH WE DEVOTE OURSELVES TO THE ISSUE OF RECOVERY. AND  
23 IT'S SO WONDERFUL TO SEE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE THE  
24 KIND OF PROGRESS THAT IS NOT EASY TO MAKE BUT IS EXTREMELY  
25 IMPORTANT AND IT'S AVAILABLE. SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS ARE



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1 ASSOCIATED WITH HIGH RATES OF PREMATURE DEATH FROM HOMICIDE,  
2 FROM SUICIDE, FROM MOTOR VEHICLE CRASHES AND OTHER INJURIES,  
3 EXCESSIVE ALCOHOL USE ALONE COSTS L.A. COUNTY 2500 LIVES EVERY  
4 YEAR AND AT A COST OF \$11 BILLION-- THAT'S WITH A "B"-- PER  
5 YEAR IN RELATED HARMS. RECOVERY SERVICES HELP PEOPLE LIVING  
6 HEALTHY AND PRODUCTIVE LIVES, AND THEY'RE IMPORTANT IN  
7 REDUCING SOCIETAL COSTS. SO THIS IS A MONTH, NATIONAL RECOVERY  
8 MONTH, TO HONOR INDIVIDUALS WORKING TOWARDS AND MAINTAINING  
9 THEIR SOBRIETY. IT'S UP TO EACH ONE OF US TO SUPPORT THOSE  
10 INDIVIDUALS. AND THIS EVENT RECOGNIZES OUR LOCAL LEADERS IN  
11 THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FIELD WHO PROVIDE MUCH NEEDED  
12 PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR L.A.  
13 COUNTY RESIDENTS. SO I WANT TO THANK ALL THE SUPERVISORS FOR  
14 THIS IMPORTANT PROCLAMATION. OUR THANKS TO CANDY CARGILL  
15 FULLER, ONE OF OUR LOCAL LEADERS, FOR HER ROLE IN ORGANIZING  
16 THIS EVENT, AND THOSE IN THE AUDIENCE WHO ARE HERE TO OBSERVE  
17 NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH. EVERY MONTH IS NATIONAL RECOVERY  
18 MONTH, BUT THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT WAY CELEBRATE EACH OF  
19 THOSE MONTHS BY HAVING ONE WHERE WE SAY, "YOU KNOW WHAT? THIS  
20 HAS TO BE A FOCUS. LET'S REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS. THERE'S NOTHING  
21 WE CAN'T DO TOGETHER BY HELPING THOSE WHO NEED HELP, MAKING  
22 SURE THERE'S ENOUGH CAPACITY." AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S  
23 VERY IMPORTANT IS THAT THERE IS A NATIONAL PARITY BILL WHICH  
24 SAYS WE HAVE TO GIVE THE SAME LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR PEOPLE WHO  
25 HAVE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AS WE



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1 DO FOR OTHER PHYSICAL KINDS OF PROBLEMS. SO FOR THESE BRAIN  
2 DISEASES, WE NEED TO PROVIDE THE SAME LEVEL OF SERVICES. SO  
3 THE LEVEL OF SERVICE, THE CAPACITY HAS TO BE BUILT UP OVER THE  
4 NEXT YEAR OR SO AND WE ALSO HAVE THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT,  
5 WHICH IS GOING TO ENFRANCHISE MANY PEOPLE TO GET THESE  
6 SERVICES. SO IT'S A TIME OF GROWTH. IT'S A TIME OF REFLECTION.  
7 BUT OVERALL IT'S A TIME OF RECOVERY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

8 [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL NOW LET'S HAVE A  
11 PRESENTATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR. WE WISH TO HAVE  
12 ITS PRESIDENT JIM HENWOOD, IF HE WOULD COME FORWARD, AND WE'RE  
13 GOING TO ASK MICHAEL CHI-- A LOT OF SURPRISES UP HERE TODAY,  
14 YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? [LAUGHTER.] ART LUDWIG, BILL FOX, AND  
15 TOM SHAY TO COME FORWARD. AND THEN I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE  
16 TWO RECOGNIZABLES THAT HAVE JOINED US. THEY NOTE THEMSELVES AS  
17 MASCOTS EXTRAORDINAIRES. AND SO GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF  
18 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR IS IN THE HOUSE.  
19 SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN MAKING SURE THAT YOU ARE TAKING FULL  
20 ADVANTAGE OF THE FAIR. WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROCLAIM  
21 AUGUST 30TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER 29TH AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR  
22 DAYS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THIS YEAR PROMISES  
23 TO BE THE BEST ONE. AND AT "BENEATH THE SEA: AN UNDERWATER  
24 ADVENTURE," GUESTS WILL BE ABLE TO COOL DOWN AND WATCH SEA  
25 LIONS DANCE AND SING, WHILE THOSE THAT ARE MORE ADVENTUROUS



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1 MAY CHOOSE TO STARE DOWN A SHARK AT THE SHARK, THAT IS A LIVE  
2 SHARK, ENCOUNTER. I WOULDN'T EXACTLY ADVISE THAT. BUT FOR  
3 THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE DARING, HELP YOURSELVES. OTHERS MAY OPT  
4 TO SPEND THEIR TIME LEARNING THE SECRETS FROM BEHIND THE  
5 SCENES OF AN ANIMATED FILM, "PENCILS TO PIXELS: THE ART OF  
6 ANIMATION," WHEREON SITE INSTRUCTORS WILL GUIDE GUESTS STEP-  
7 BY-STEP IN CREATING AN ORIGINAL ANIMATED CARTOON COMPLETE WITH  
8 SOUND EFFECTS. AND I'M SURE THAT THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF  
9 TAKERS FOR THAT EFFORT. SO WE KNOW THE TREKKIES IN THE HOUSE  
10 WILL FLOCK TO THE NEW STAR TREK EXHIBITION WHERE AUTHENTIC  
11 PROPS, COSTUMES AND SET PIECES WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE  
12 WORLD'S LARGEST STAR TREK EXHIBIT, THE WORLD'S LARGEST STAR  
13 TREK EXHIBIT. AND IF I HAD THE ABILITY TO DO THAT, YOU KNOW,  
14 WHAT IS THAT? THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. I'M WITH THE PROGRAM NOW,  
15 OKAY? I DON'T WANT ANYBODY TO QUESTION MY CREDENTIALS, I CAN  
16 DO THAT. OF COURSE THERE WILL BE 70 EXCITING RIDES, BARN YARD  
17 ANIMALS, TRAPEZE AERIAL ACTS, GREAT FOOD, AND MUCH, MUCH MORE.  
18 THE FAIR KICKS OFF ON AUGUST THE 30TH. ADMISSION ON OPENING  
19 WEEKEND INCLUDING LABOR DAY IS JUST \$1 FOR THE FIRST THREE  
20 HOURS EACH DAY AFTER THE GATES OPEN. AND SO IF YOU WANT TO  
21 HAVE SOME FUN, YOU MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE FAIR. FOR MORE  
22 INFORMATION, YOU CAN DO WHAT MOST HAVE COME TO KNOW AS THE  
23 BEST WAY TO ACCESS INFORMATION, AND THAT WOULD BE AT  
24 WWW.LACOUNTYFAIR.COM. WWW.LACOUNTYFAIR.COM SO WE WANT TO MAKE  
25 THIS SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO THE L.A. COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION,





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1 ALL THE REPRESENTATIVES. AND WE'RE GOING TO ASK JIM HENWOOD TO  
2 GIVE HIS REMARKS. SO GIVE A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO THE L.A.  
3 COUNTY FAIR AND ITS OFFICIAL DELEGATION. JIM? [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **JIM HENWOOD:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IT'S GREAT TO BE HERE TODAY  
6 ALWAYS TO KICK OFF THE L.A. COUNTY FAIR. IT CAN'T BE A GREATER  
7 MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WITHOUT THE L.A. COUNTY FAIR. THIS YEAR, AS  
8 YOU JUST HEARD, WE HAVE A LOT OF EXCITING THINGS TO SEE AND  
9 DO. I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT WE OPEN THIS FRIDAY. WE RUN FOR FIVE  
10 WEEKENDS THROUGH THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WITH HORSE RACING  
11 STARTING THE SECOND WEEKEND. IT WILL BE THE FIFTH THROUGH THE  
12 22ND. A LOT OF EXCITING THINGS TO DO. AND EVERYTHING WE DO  
13 LOOKING AT THE L.A. COUNTY FAIR, ESPECIALLY HERE IN SOUTHERN  
14 CALIFORNIA, YOU KNOW, WE ALWAYS HAVE THE STATEMENT, IF THERE'S  
15 EVER A PLACE THAT NEEDS A COUNTY FAIR, IT'S LOS ANGELES. AND  
16 WE MEAN THAT IN ALL THE SINCERITY THAT WE SAY. WE HAVE AN  
17 ENJOYMENT WITH EVERYTHING THAT WE DO AND HOW WE APPROACH THE  
18 FAIR BECAUSE WE'RE ALL ABOUT FUN, WE'RE ALL ABOUT  
19 ENTERTAINING, WE'RE ALL ABOUT FAMILY AND CREATING WONDERFUL  
20 ENVIRONMENTS. WE WOULD ESPECIALLY LIKE TO INVITE THE COUNTY OF  
21 LOS ANGELES TO THEIR DAY AT THE L.A. COUNTY FAIR ON THE  
22 SEVENTH OF SEPTEMBER. IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT SATURDAY. IT  
23 COMES WITH ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAKE OUR COUNTY SO RICH  
24 AND SO STRONG AND SO VIBRANT IN THIS GREAT WORLD WE LIVE IN.  
25 AND A LARGE PART OF THAT IS DUE TO THE GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION



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1 THAT IS HERE ON THE PODIUM WITH US TODAY, SERVING IN THEIR  
2 CAPACITIES AS OUR SUPERVISORS. SO WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO  
3 INTRODUCE ART LUDWIG, OUR CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, FOR A COUPLE  
4 OF REMARKS. THANK YOU.

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6 **ART LUDWIG:** GOOD MORNING AND THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO KICK  
7 OFF OUR 91ST ADVENTURE WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR HERE  
8 IN FRONT OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF OUR GREAT COUNTY. WE ARE  
9 ABOUT FUN. WE ARE CERTAINLY ABOUT FUN. I BROUGHT TWO OF MY  
10 COLLEAGUES. THUMBER DOWN HERE, AND OVER HERE WE HAVE LILLY,  
11 REPRESENTING THE AGRICULTURAL ROOTS THAT OUR EDUCATIONAL  
12 PROGRAM STARTED BACK 91 YEARS AGO. BUT WE'RE MORE ABOUT  
13 EDUCATION, ALSO. WE CLEVERLY DISGUISE FUN IN A WAY THAT  
14 LEARNING TAKES PLACE ALL THE TIME. DURING THE FAIR, WE'LL  
15 BRING 135,000 YOUNG FOLKS TO OUR FAIR ON OUR FAIR KIDS  
16 PROGRAM, AN ACCREDITED ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR THE SCHOOL  
17 CHILDREN IN OUR REGION TO COME TO THE FAIR BEFORE WE OPEN AND  
18 GO THROUGH THE LEARNING EXERCISES WE HAVE ON OUR 475-ACRE  
19 CAMPUS. OUR LEARNING GOES ON YEAR ROUND, THOUGH MANY OF YOU  
20 DON'T KNOW THAT, THAT WE THROUGHOUT OUR LEARNING CENTERS, ARE  
21 VERY ACTIVE IN PROMOTING EDUCATION. WE HAVE A STATE-OF-THE-ART  
22 CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER THAT'S A LABORATORY FOR LEARNING NEW  
23 WAYS TO EDUCATE PRESCHOOL KIDS. WE HAVE A CAREER AND TECHNICAL  
24 EDUCATION CENTER WHERE WE ARE EXPOSING KIDS WHO ARE USUALLY  
25 NOT COLLEGE-BOUND TO THE OPPORTUNITY TO FIND SKILLS TO GET



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1 JOBS. WE HAVE A JUNIOR FAIR BOARD WHERE WE ARE TEACHING  
2 LEADERSHIP SKILLS TO HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS. AND WE  
3 EVEN HAVE A REGIONAL COLLEGE FAIR WHERE WE ALLOW HIGH SCHOOL  
4 STUDENTS AND THE COLLEGE RECRUITERS TO UNITE IN ONE PLACE SO  
5 THAT KIDS CAN PLAN THEIR COLLEGE EDUCATION. WE ARE ABOUT FUN,  
6 BUT WE ARE ALSO ABOUT EDUCATION, AND WE ARE ALL LOOKING  
7 FORWARD TO YOU COMING OUT TO JOIN WITH THUMBER AND ALONG WITH  
8 LILLY TO OUR FAIR WHICH STARTS THIS VERY WEEKEND. THANK YOU  
9 VERY MUCH FOR LETTING US COME TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
12 PRESENT TO BOTH THUMBER AND LILLY THIS COMMENDATION, THIS  
13 SCROLL THAT MAKES IT CLEAR ON BEHALF OF ALL MEMBERS OF THE  
14 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE LOS ANGELES  
15 COUNTY FAIR HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMBINED THE RICH TRADITION OF A  
16 FAIR WITH EDUCATION. FINE ARTS, HORTICULTURE, AGRICULTURE,  
17 HORSE RACING, LIVESTOCK AND TOP-NOTCH CONCERTS CREATE AN  
18 EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE FOR VISITORS. AND IT IS THE LARGEST  
19 COUNTY FAIR IN NORTH AMERICA, HOSTING MORE THAN 100,000 SCHOOL  
20 CHILDREN ON FIELD TRIPS AS WELL AS 1.4 MILLION GUESTS. THAT  
21 INCLUDES COUNTY RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYEES. SO WE TAKE THIS  
22 OPPORTUNITY ONCE AGAIN TO SALUTE THE 91ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
23 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR WITH GREAT APPRECIATION ON BEHALF OF  
24 THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND ITS 10 MILLION RESIDENTS.  
25 SO GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE AS WE MAKE THIS



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1 PRESENTATION. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT, A CORRECTION. THAT WAS  
2 NOT THUNDER. THAT WAS THUMBER. EVERYBODY SAY THUMBER. YEAH,  
3 RIGHT, WE WANT TO GET IT CORRECT. THEY SAID IT'S A FAIR FOR  
4 EDUCATION, AND OBVIOUSLY I'M A CANDIDATE FOR THAT. [LAUGHTER.]  
5 MAY I THEN NOW INVITE THE ONE AND ONLY TOM TINDALL TO THE  
6 STAGE. GIVE TOM TINDALL A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]  
7 THAT'S RIGHT. THROW IN SOME LOVE. THAT'S GOOD. HE'S JOINED BY  
8 A VERY SPECIAL GUEST, HIS WIFE OKEO. AND WE THANK YOU FOR  
9 BEING HERE, AS WELL. GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR HER.  
10 [APPLAUSE.] LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TODAY WE ACKNOWLEDGE TOM  
11 TINDALL ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS A DISTINGUISHED  
12 CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE. TOM SERVED FOR SOME 23 YEARS AS AN  
13 OFFICER WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY WITH TOURS IN EUROPE,  
14 SOUTH KOREA, CENTRAL AMERICA, THE CARIBBEAN AND ULTIMATELY  
15 RETIRING AS A LIEUTENANT COLONEL WITH THE ARMY CORPS OF  
16 ENGINEERS IN 1994. FOR MANY WOULD HAVE OPTED TO KICK BACK AND  
17 TAKE IT EASY, ENJOY THEIR RETIREMENT AT THAT POINT, TOM WAS  
18 JUST BEGINNING ANOTHER PHASE OF HIS CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE.  
19 KICK BACK WAS NOT WHAT HE WANTED TO DO. THEREFORE HE FIRST  
20 JOINED THE COUNTY IN 1994 STARTING IN THE INTERNAL SERVICES  
21 DEPARTMENT'S CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGEMENT DIVISION. IN 1995  
22 HE TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL  
23 PROJECT PROGRAM. AND THEN TOM WENT ON TO CALIFORNIA STATE  
24 UNIVERSITY NORTHRIDGE FROM 1997 TO 2001 TO MANAGE THE  
25 UNIVERSITY'S CAPITAL PROJECT PROGRAM TO REBUILD THE CAMPUS



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1 AFTER THE SEVERE DAMAGE FROM THE 1994 NORTHRIDGE EARTHQUAKE.  
2 BUT HE COULDN'T STAY AWAY FROM THE COUNTY FOR LONG. THEREFORE  
3 IN 2001 HE RETURNED TO I.S.D. SERVING AS GENERAL MANAGER OF  
4 FACILITY OPERATIONS UNTIL 2006 WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED THE CHIEF  
5 DEPUTY FOR THAT DEPARTMENT. AND BY 2008, THIS BOARD MADE THE  
6 WISE DECISION TO APPOINT HIM AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT  
7 OF THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. AND SO TOM HAS PROVIDED  
8 LEADERSHIP IN A RANGE OF AREAS, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
9 ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES AND IDENTIFYING OPERATING  
10 EFFICIENCIES AND IMPLEMENTING NEW PROGRAMS IN  
11 TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, PURCHASING AND  
12 CONTRACTING. HE IS KNOWN FOR HIS HIGH LEVEL OF PERSONAL  
13 INTEGRITY, HIS PROFESSIONALISM, HIS DEPENDABILITY AND MORE. HE  
14 HAS EARNED THE RESPECT AND ADMIRATION OF HIS COLLEAGUES AT  
15 I.S.D. AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND SO I THINK IT'S HARDLY  
16 WITHOUT DIFFICULTY OR HESITATION THAT WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY  
17 TO THANK TOM TINDALL FOR A LIFE OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND A CAREER  
18 THAT IS IN MANY RESPECTS EXEMPLARY. WE THANK YOU, TOM. AND WE  
19 EXTEND TO YOU OUR VERY BEST WISHES FOR A HEALTHY AND  
20 FULFILLING RETIREMENT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TOM TINDALL.  
21 [APPLAUSE.] OH, YOU OUGHT TO GIVE HIM SOME LOVE HERE.

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23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO JUST SAY A COUPLE THINGS. FIRST

3 OF ALL, MOST GENERAL SERVICES OR I.S.D. DIRECTORS DON'T MAKE

4 THE HEADLINES. THAT'S PROBABLY A GOOD THING. BUT WITHOUT THEM,

5 THIS ORGANIZATION OR THIS CORPORATION CALLED THE COUNTY OF LOS

6 ANGELES CAN'T FUNCTION. AND TOM TINDALL HAS BEEN AS GOOD A

7 LEADER IN THAT FIELD AS I CAN RECALL IN ALL THE YEARS I'VE

8 BEEN AN ELECTED OFFICIAL. INTEGRITY CERTAINLY HAS BEEN HIS

9 WATCHWORD. BUT GETTING THE JOB DONE, GETTING PRODUCT OUT THE

10 DOOR IS ALSO SOMETHING THAT I APPRECIATED. AND WHENEVER WE

11 CALLED, AND BELIEVE IT OR NOT EVEN SOMETIMES WHEN SUPERVISORS

12 CALL, THEY DON'T GET IMMEDIATE ACTION. BUT WITH TOM TINDALL,

13 THAT WAS NEVER THE CASE. HE RESPONDED TO EVERY CHALLENGE THAT

14 WE HAD, BOTH SIMPLE AND COMPLICATED, AND DID IT WITH GREAT

15 CALM AND PROFESSIONALISM THAT I ENVY. THE OTHER THING I WANTED

16 TO SAY ABOUT TOM IS WE GOT TO, FIRST OF ALL, RECENTLY I CAME

17 TO KNOW THAT WE WERE STUDENTS AT U.C.L.A. TOGETHER AT THE SAME

18 TIME. OF COURSE I WAS SHUTTING DOWN THE ADMINISTRATION

19 BUILDING, YOU WERE PROBABLY IN R.O.T.C AT THE TIME, BUT WE

20 BOTH MATURED SINCE THEN. BUT GO BRUINS IS RIGHT. AND IT STARTS

21 THIS SATURDAY NIGHT AT 7 O'CLOCK AT THE ROSE BOWL, DOESN'T IT,

22 TOM? BUT YOUR LOVE FOR THE HIMALAYAS IS ANOTHER OVERLAP THAT

23 WE HAD. AND WE HAVE COME TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER A LITTLE

24 BIT IN THAT REGARD. YOU'VE GOT TREMENDOUS VISION, PERIPHERAL

25 AND OTHERWISE, TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS JOB, WHICH IS SOMEWHAT





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1 MUNDANE, AND THEN BE THINKING ABOUT TRAVELING THE HIMALAYAS AT  
2 THE HIGHEST ALTITUDES. AGAIN, I ENVY YOU FOR YOUR BREADTH OF  
3 EXPERIENCE AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO PUSH THE ENVELOPE INTO NEW  
4 FRONTIERS. YOU'VE BEEN A GREAT LEADER FOR THIS COUNTY. I  
5 APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE VERY MUCH. AND AS I TOLD YOU WHEN YOU  
6 ANNOUNCED YOUR RETIREMENT, I'M NOT A HAPPY CAMPER ABOUT THAT.  
7 WE WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE HAD YOU LONGER. BUT YOU'VE EARNED  
8 YOUR RETIREMENT. WE HOPE YOU HAVE A HEALTHY AND FULFILLING  
9 ONE. THANK YOU, TOM. [APPLAUSE.]

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD JUST ECHO THOSE WORDS. TOM HAS BEEN AN  
14 INTEGRAL PART OF A LOT OF PROJECTS. AND NOT ONLY IN THE FOURTH  
15 DISTRICT, BUT COUNTYWIDE, THAT WE'VE ALL BEEN INVOLVED WITH.  
16 AND, AGAIN AS ZEV SAID SO ELOQUENTLY, I THINK IT'S GETTING THE  
17 PRODUCT OUT THE DOOR WITH THE CALM AND SENSE OF URGENCY BUT  
18 NOT OF EXCITEMENT AND SHOUTING. WE'VE HAD A GREAT WORKING  
19 RELATIONSHIP. AND HIS INTEGRITY IS IMPECCABLE. I JUST WANT TO  
20 WISH YOU AND FAMILY AN INCREDIBLE RETIREMENT, GOOD HEALTH,  
21 GREAT TRAVELS. I THINK WE ALL WATCHED FROM AFAR TO YOUR  
22 MIRACLE RECOVERY WHERE YOU HAD SOME VERY SERIOUS HEALTH ISSUES  
23 AS RELATED TO AN ACCIDENT. BUT WITH YOUR STAYING POWER, YOU  
24 OVERCAME THAT, AS WELL, TOO, AND CAME BACK HERE FULL AND FIT.  
25 SO GOD BLESS YOU AND ENJOY THAT RETIREMENT. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE TOM. HE HAD  
5 A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND HAD  
6 A DISTINGUISHED CAREER IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BECAUSE HE  
7 BELIEVED IN GETTING THE JOB DONE. ONE OF THE AREAS THAT HE  
8 REALLY EXCELLED IN WAS HELPING OUR EMANCIPATED YOUTH AND  
9 HELPING THEM WITH AN INTERNSHIP PROGRAM. MANY OF THOSE LED TO  
10 FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT. BUT THESE ARE THE KIDS THAT NEED THE  
11 ASSISTANCE. HIS DEPARTMENT CAME FORWARD AND SAID WE WOULD  
12 ASSIST THESE EMANCIPATED YOUTH, AND AS A RESULT, HE'S REALLY A  
13 ROLE MODEL. SO WE APPRECIATE THAT AND YOUR LEADERSHIP AND THE  
14 FACT THAT YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE AND YOU HAD INTEGRITY, WHICH  
15 THIS NATION NEEDS SO MUCH. WE'RE GOING TO MISS YOU.

16 [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO NOW LET'S HEAR FROM THE MAN  
19 OF THE HOUR, TOM TINDALL. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **TOM TINDALL:** MY GOODNESS. THANK YOU ALL. WHAT AN INCREDIBLE  
22 HONOR TO BE HERE BEFORE THE BOARD, THOSE WONDERFUL, KIND AND  
23 GENEROUS REMARKS. I REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THE COUNTY HAS GIVEN  
24 ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH AND FOR PEOPLE, FOR WHOM I HAVE  
25 THE GREATEST RESPECT. SOMEWHERE OUT IN THE AUDIENCE ARE I.S.D.



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1 EMPLOYEES AND LEADERSHIP TEAM. AND I'M REALLY HAPPY TO BE ABLE  
2 TO SHARE THIS WITH MY FELLOW DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND I SEE A LOT  
3 OF THEM AROUND HERE. IT'S A GREAT CLUB I'VE BEEN ABLE TO  
4 BELONG TO. MR. FUJIOKA AND MISS CULP AND THE C.E.O. TEAM, IT'S  
5 GREAT, AND OF COURSE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND I'M  
6 PARTICULARLY HAPPY WITH THE BOARD DEPUTIES, THE I.S.D.  
7 DEPUTIES, THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO WORK WITH THAT DEVELOPED A  
8 VERY POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH AND HAVE REALLY MADE IT--  
9 ALLOWED I.S.D. TO DO ITS JOB AND THE REASON WHY WE'VE BEEN  
10 SUCCESSFUL AT ALL IS BECAUSE OF THEM. I'LL TELL YOU THAT I'M  
11 MOST FORTUNATE, THOUGH, TO HAVE A SUPPORTIVE WIFE, WHO'S  
12 ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD WHEN THE JOB HAD TO COME FIRST. OKEO HAS  
13 SERVED THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT I'VE WORKED IN, AS WELL, OR  
14 BETTER THAN I HAVE. AND I LOVE HER VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] I'M  
15 LEAVING NOW BECAUSE I THINK THE TIME IS RIGHT. I.S.D. HAS A  
16 STRONG LEADERSHIP TEAM LED BY JIM JONES. AND I'VE GOT SOME  
17 OTHER THINGS I'VE GOT TO DO. I'VE GOT A COUSIN WHO'S IN THE  
18 CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS. AND HE'S ASKED ME FOR SOME HELP. IT'S  
19 BEEN SEVEN YEARS SINCE I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH MANAGING A  
20 MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, AND THAT WAS THE PUBLIC HEALTH  
21 LAB. DR. FIELDING PROBABLY REMEMBERS THAT WELL. PROBABLY SACHI  
22 HAMAI AND JAN TAKATA, MY TWO GOOD FRIENDS AND VERY GOOD  
23 COLLEAGUES, KNOW IT EVEN BETTER, BECAUSE WE MANAGED IT. SO  
24 THAT WAS A PROJECT THAT WAS PRETTY TYPICAL. AND I THINK THOSE  
25 OF YOU THAT DO PROJECT MANAGEMENT WILL RECOGNIZE THE PATTERN.



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1 WE HAD A HECK OF A LOT OF FUN PLANNING IT, AND WE HAD A HECK  
2 OF A LOT OF FUN MOVING INTO IT, BUT NOT SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING  
3 IN BETWEEN. SO, YOU KNOW, EVEN SO THAT'S THE CASE,  
4 CONSTRUCTION IS SOMETHING I MISS VERY MUCH, AND I'M LOOKING  
5 FORWARD TO GETTING BACK INTO THAT. AND ACTUALLY I HOPE I  
6 LEARNED HOW TO DEAL WITH THAT EVERYTHING-IN-BETWEEN PHASE AND  
7 IF I DO, I'LL LET SACHI AND JAN KNOW SO THEY CAN HELP OUT THE  
8 COUNTY. AGAIN, I REALLY APPRECIATE THIS WONDERFUL RECOGNITION  
9 BY THE BOARD, AND EVEN MORE SO, THE PRIVILEGE THAT I'VE BEEN  
10 GIVEN TO LEAD THE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. I'VE DONE THE  
11 BEST JOB I COULD. I'VE REALLY ENJOYED IT. AND I'M GOING THE  
12 MISS IT. [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, ONCE AGAIN FOR TOM  
15 TINDALL. [APPLAUSE.] WHO SAYS ONLY LIKE HE CAN: "MR. CHAIRMAN,  
16 I'M OUT OF HERE." AND HE SAYS THAT A HIGH DEGREE OF PRIDE AS A  
17 RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD TO  
18 SEEING ME IN A NEW CAPACITY, THEREFORE HE IS NOW MY BOSS.  
19 SUPERVISOR KNABE, THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
22 AGAIN CONGRATULATIONS, TOM, JOB WELL DONE AND WELL- DESERVED  
23 HONOR. AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD MR. LARRY DICUS  
24 AND HIS WIFE JANE. ON JUNE 5TH, LARRY WAS ELECTED TO SERVE A  
25 TWO-YEARS TERM AS ONE OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS OF



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1 THE LIONS CLUB INTERNATIONAL AT THE ASSOCIATION'S 96TH  
2 CONVENTION IN THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF HAMBURG, GERMANY. LARRY  
3 JOINED THE WHITTIER HOST LIONS IN 1996, SERVED AS THEIR  
4 PRESIDENT, THEN WENT ON TO BECOME DISTRICT 4L2 GOVERNOR.  
5 DURING THAT TENURE HE CHARTERED FOUR NEW CLUBS, HE HAD THE  
6 HIGHEST MEMBERSHIP GROWTH IN 20 YEARS. HE RECEIVED THE  
7 DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S EXCELLENCE AWARD AS WELL AS THE  
8 INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S LEADERSHIP MEDAL. HE WAS ALSO  
9 RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE TOP THREE DISTRICTS WORLDWIDE IN  
10 ADDING NEW CLUB WEBSITES. IN ADDITION, LARRY HAS SERVED AS  
11 PRESIDENT OF THE LIONS CLUB EYE FOUNDATION, OF THE SOUTHERN  
12 CALIFORNIA MOBILE SCREENING UNIT, AND ON THE BOARD OF  
13 DIRECTORS FOR THE LIONS EYE FOUNDATION. HE HAS AN INCREDIBLE  
14 STRONG TRACK RECORD OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE  
15 COMMUNITY. HE IS A DIRECTOR EMERITUS AT THE PRESBYTERIAN UNION  
16 COMMUNITY HEALTH IN WHITTIER, HAS BEEN AN ELDER IN HIS CHURCH,  
17 A BOY SCOUT LEADER, AND HAS SUPPORTED MANY OTHER GROUPS AND  
18 WORTHY CAUSES OVER THE YEARS. AND I'VE BEEN WITNESS TO MANY OF  
19 THOSE, IN ADDITION TO THE LIONS CLUB. LARRY WAS BORN IN  
20 PASADENA, SPENT HIS FORMATIVE YEARS IN ALHAMBRA, NOW LIVES IN  
21 THE GREAT CITY OF WHITTIER WITH HIS WIFE JANE WHO IS A  
22 SOROPTIMIST AND ALSO VERY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY, AS WELL.  
23 THEY HAVE TWO SONS AND ARE THE PROUD GRANDPARENTS TO THREE  
24 LOVELY GIRLS. THEY BOTH ENJOY VOLUNTEERING, SERVING THEIR  
25 COMMUNITY, TRAVELING, GOLF, TENNIS, SINGING IN THEIR CHURCH



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1 CHOIR. SO, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE JOIN ME IN  
2 CONGRATULATING ON HIS ELECTION, MR. LARRY DICUS. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **LARRY DICUS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. SUPERVISOR, AND  
5 SUPERVISORS. I'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE-- THIS IS FOR THE LIONS.  
6 THERE ARE MANY LIONS HERE. WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND AND BE  
7 ACKNOWLEDGED? [APPLAUSE.] ON THE INTERNATIONAL BOARD. THANK  
8 YOU FOR RECOGNIZING LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL. LIONS CLUBS IS  
9 THE WORLD'S LARGEST HUMANITARIAN SERVICE CLUB ORGANIZATION  
10 WITH AN ORGANIZATION OF 1.35 MILLION MEMBERS IN 45,000 CLUBS  
11 AND SERVING 208 COUNTRIES. THERE ARE 3,000 LION CLUB MEMBERS  
12 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND ABOUT 150 CLUBS. "WE SERVE" IS OUR  
13 MOTTO. IN 2017 WE'LL BE CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF OUR  
14 ORGANIZATION. IN 2015, IT WILL BE 90 YEARS SINCE HELEN KELLER  
15 ASKED US TO BE KNIGHTS OF THE BLIND. SINCE THEN, LIONS HAVE  
16 PROVIDED LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF EYE HOSPITALS, PROVIDED  
17 MILLIONS OF CATARACT SURGERIES, AND EFFECTIVELY ERADICATED  
18 RIVER BLINDNESS IN DOZENS OF COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD. LIONS  
19 CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE GIFT OF SIGHT TO MILLIONS OF PEOPLE OF  
20 THE WORLD. WE PROVIDE FREE EYE EXAMS AND GLASSES TO ANYONE IN  
21 NEED. FOR DECADES, YOU PROBABLY REMEMBER LIONS HAVE BEEN  
22 COLLECTING EYE GLASSES, USED EYE GLASSES AND PROVIDING THEM IN  
23 CLINICS AROUND THE WORLD. THIS YEAR, THE STATE LAW HAS  
24 CHANGED, AND WE CAN NOW CONDUCT CLINICS IN THE UNDERSERVED  
25 COMMUNITIES IN OUR AREA AND PROVIDE FREE EYE GLASSES TO THOSE





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1 THAT NEED THEM. EACH CLUB DECIDES THEIR OWN PROJECTS, WHETHER  
2 IT BE HEARING, YOUTH, PROVIDING A KITCHEN TO THE BOYS' AND  
3 GIRLS' CLUB, A PARK OR SCHOLARSHIPS. OUR FOUNDATION PROVIDES  
4 GRANTS FOR LIONS TO PROVIDE LARGER PROJECTS. FOR INSTANCE, A  
5 DISASTER GRANT WAS PROVIDED TO THE SONORA LIONS AND TODAY A  
6 TEAM OF THOSE LIONS ARE FEEDING EVACUEES AND FIREFIGHTERS AT  
7 THE RIM FIRE, AT THE SHELTER AND COMMAND POST IN SONORA. LIONS  
8 CLUBS INTERNATIONAL PROVIDES AN ACTION PLAN FOR CLUBS EACH  
9 YEAR. AUGUST, WE FOCUS ON ENGAGING YOUTH. OCTOBER, VISION  
10 PROJECTS WHERE WE CELEBRATE WORLD SIGHT DAY. IN DECEMBER AND  
11 JANUARY, RELIEF OF HUNGER, FEED THE HUNGRY. IN APRIL,  
12 PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT. TWO YEARS AGO OUR INTERNATIONAL  
13 PRESIDENT CHALLENGED LIONS TO PLANT 1 MILLION TREES WORLDWIDE.  
14 BY THE END OF THE YEAR, LIONS HAD PLANTED 15 MILLION TREES.  
15 OUR GOAL NOW IS BY OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR, 2017, WILL BE TO HAVE  
16 PLANTED 1 MILLION TREES. AND I'M CONFIDENT LIONS WILL  
17 ACCOMPLISH THAT. FINALLY, LIONS ARE ESTABLISHING SPECIALTY  
18 CLUBS. I'D LIKE TO FOCUS AND JUST SHARE WITH YOU, THERE'S A  
19 SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF LOS ANGELES LIONS CLUB THAT'S FOUR YEARS  
20 OLD. SINCE 2001, LIONS HAVE BEEN PARTNERING WITH SPECIAL  
21 OLYMPICS IN THE OPENING EYES PROGRAM. WE HAVE PROVIDED OVER  
22 350,000 EYE EXAMS TO THE ATHLETES WORLDWIDE, PROVIDED 110,000  
23 PAIRS OF GLASSES. THAT MEANS ONE-THIRD OF THE ATHLETES THAT WE  
24 PROVIDED EYE EXAMS TO NEEDED GLASSES, AND WE PROVIDED THOSE  
25 GLASSES. THIS YEAR, WHEN I WAS ELECTED IN HAMBURG, LIONS



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1 ANNOUNCED A FIVE-YEAR EXPANSION TO THE PARTNERSHIP WITH  
2 SPECIAL OLYMPICS AND IT'S PARTICULARLY MEANINGFUL WHEN THE  
3 WORLD GAMES ARE GOING TO BE HERE IN LOS ANGELES, THE SPECIAL  
4 OLYMPIC WORLD GAMES IN 2015. AND I CAN ASSURE YOU, LIONS WILL  
5 PLAY A SIGNIFICANT PART IN THAT. SO AGAIN FOR THE 3,000 LIONS  
6 HERE IN LOS ANGELES, IN 150 CLUBS, 22,000 LIONS THROUGHOUT  
7 CALIFORNIA AND THE 1,350,000 LIONS AROUND THE WORLD, I THANK  
8 YOU FOR THIS RECOGNITION. THANK YOU, LIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, PLEASE.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, WE ALL KNOW THAT  
13 EXERCISE IS VERY VITAL. IT KEEPS YOU YOUNG AND HEALTHY. AND  
14 TODAY WE'RE RECOGNIZING MARK COVERT BECAUSE ON JULY 23RD IN  
15 1968 AFTER HIS SENIOR YEAR AT BURBANK HIGH SCHOOL, HE BEGAN A  
16 45-YEAR RUNNING STREAK. BY RUNNING ONE MILE EACH DAY. IF YOU  
17 WOULD TOTAL THAT FROM 1968 TO TODAY, THAT WOULD 150,000 MILES  
18 AND 16,437 DAYS. HE ALSO HOLDS THE SECOND LONGEST RECORD IN  
19 THE WORLD AND THE LONGEST RECOGNIZED RUNNING RECORD BY THE  
20 UNITED STATES RUNNING STREAK ASSOCIATION. IN 2012 CAL STATE  
21 UNIVERSITY FULLERTON NAMED THEIR EARLY SEASON CROSS COUNTRY  
22 MEET "THE MARK COVERT CLASSIC." HE HAS BEEN THE HEAD CROSS  
23 COUNTRY COACH AND TRACK AND FIELD COACH AT ANTELOPE VALLEY  
24 COLLEGE IN LANCASTER FOR THE PAST 13 YEARS. SO YOU'VE BEEN A  
25 REAL GOOD INSPIRATION. THAT'S WHAT KEEPS YOUR WEIGHT DOWN.



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1 YOU'RE IN GOOD HEALTH. GOOD FOR ANOTHER 30 OR 40 YEARS, RIGHT?  
2 SO THANK YOU FOR BEING A GOOD ROLE MODEL NOT JUST TO THE  
3 ANTELOPE VALLEY BUT TO THE REST OF THE COUNTY, STATE AND  
4 NATION. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **MARK COVERT:** FIRST I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR  
7 THIS VERY NICE AWARD. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN AMAZED OVER ALL THESE  
8 YEARS THAT I GET ASKED TO COME TO FUNCTIONS LIKE THIS FOR  
9 SIMPLY PUTTING ON MY SHOES AND GOING OUT THE DOOR FOR A RUN  
10 EVERY DAY. IT'S SOMETHING I'VE OBVIOUSLY ENJOYED FOR A LONG  
11 TIME. BUT 45 YEARS IS A LONG TIME, YOU KNOW. EVERYBODY UP HERE  
12 45 YEARS AGO WERE YOUNG. AND WE'RE NOT-- YEAH, WE'VE ALL BEEN  
13 39 FOR A LONG TIME. BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT WHEN I WAS A  
14 YOUNGSTER, WHEN I WAS IN COLLEGE, GETTING OUT EVERY DAY WAS  
15 PART OF WHAT I DID TO COMPETE AT THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL AND THEN  
16 AT NATIONAL LEVEL. YOU KNOW, I WASN'T THE MOST TALENTED  
17 PERSON, BUT I THOUGHT I COULD OUTTRAIN AND I COULD OUTWORK  
18 EVERYBODY AND I COULD BE A TOUGH GUY AND I COULD GET IN AND  
19 COMPETE WITH THEM EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE. AS I GOT OLDER AND  
20 STARTED COACHING, JUST GOING OUT EVERY DAY, THE KIDS ON MY  
21 TEAM OVER THE YEARS HAD A HARD TIME TELLING ME THEY WEREN'T  
22 GOING TO COME TO PRACTICE WHEN THEY KNEW I WAS OUT EVERY DAY,  
23 SOMETIMES TWICE A DAY. AS THE YEARS WENT BY, IT BECAME A  
24 FITNESS THING, SOMETHING THAT I ENJOYED DOING, KNOWING IT WAS  
25 GOING TO BE GOOD FOR ME. AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT I THOROUGHLY



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1 BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD ALL DO AS MUCH AS WE CAN TO GET OUT AND  
2 DO SOMETHING ACTIVELY EVERY SINGLE DAY, WHETHER IT BE RUNNING,  
3 WALKING, JOGGING, SWIMMING, WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE. AS MY  
4 STREAK ENDED LAST MONTH ON JULY 23RD ABOUT A MONTH AGO BECAUSE  
5 OF MID-FOOT COLLAPSE. MY RIGHT FOOT HAS COMPLETELY COLLAPSED.  
6 IT REALLY DOESN'T FUNCTION REAL WELL ANYMORE. ALL I WAS DOING  
7 WAS HOBBLING AROUND. AND THAT PART OF MY FITNESS LIFE WAS  
8 GOING TO END. I HAD TO FIND SOMETHING ELSE TO DO. AND SO I  
9 TURNED TO A BIKE AND I'VE STARTED CYCLING NOW. I'M RIDING  
10 ABOUT 140 MILES TO 170 MILES A WEEK. AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT I  
11 STILL FEEL GOOD ABOUT. AND I GET SOMETHING IN EVERY DAY. AND I  
12 THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT THING. SO ALTHOUGH ONE STREAK HAS  
13 ENDED, ANOTHER OBSESSION HAS TAKEN OVER AND I'M NOT DOING THAT  
14 ON A REGULAR BASIS. BUT I APPRECIATE THIS. YOU KNOW, WHEN THE  
15 NEXT TIME YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT TAKING A DAY OFF, DON'T. YOU  
16 KNOW, GET OUT, DO SOMETHING. BECAUSE THERE'S OTHERS JUST LIKE  
17 ME THAT GET OUT AND DO IT EVERY DAY. AND WE THINK IT'S AN  
18 IMPORTANT THING FOR EVERYBODY TO DO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
19 [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LAST WEEK WE BROUGHT IN OUR NEW CORONER. THE  
22 WEEK BEFORE WE SAID GOODBYE TO OUR PREVIOUS CORONER WHO DID A  
23 SUPERB JOB AND WE REALLY WISH HIM WELL IN HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT.  
24 AND TODAY WE'RE RECOGNIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE CORONER FOR  
25 RECEIVING THE NATIONAL ACCREDITATION. THEY ARE NOW ACCREDITED



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1 BY THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIME LABORATORY DIRECTORS FOR  
2 THEIR POSTMORTEM AND HUMAN PERFORMANCE FORENSIC TOXICOLOGY,  
3 THEIR CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND GENERAL CHEMICAL TESTING, THE  
4 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AND GENERAL CHEMICAL TESTING, AS I SAID,  
5 THE GUNSHOT RESIDUE TESTING AND BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS AND TOOL  
6 MARKS AND BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS. AS THE NATION'S LARGEST  
7 CORONER OFFICE, THE STAFF AND LEADERSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENT  
8 HAVE MET THE CUTTING EDGE ON TECHNOLOGICAL, MEDICAL,  
9 SCIENTIFIC, ADMINISTRATIVE STANDARDS WHICH HAVE BEEN REQUIRED  
10 TO ACHIEVE THESE PRESTIGIOUS STATE AND NATIONAL STATE  
11 ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, AND WE REALLY CONGRATULATE THEM. SO WE ARE  
12 GOING TO RECOGNIZE FIRST THE INDIVIDUALS AND THEN THE  
13 DEPARTMENT. MICHELLE SANDBURG. CONGRATULATIONS. DANIEL  
14 ANDERSON. [APPLAUSE.] JOSEPH MUTO. [APPLAUSE.] AND WE HAVE THE  
15 NEW CORONER AND THE PREVIOUS CORONER. BUT WE DON'T PLAN TO SEE  
16 ANY OF THEM FOR A LONG TIME, JUST PROFESSIONALLY.

17

18 **DR. LAKSHMANAN SATHYAVAGISWARAN:** SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR  
19 THIS GREAT HONOR AND I WANT TO THANK THE TEAM, MR. MUTO, MR.  
20 ANDERSON AND MISS SANDBERG AND THE EXCELLENT LABORATORY STAFF  
21 WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE. THIS ASSURES QUALITY, MEETING  
22 INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS. THE COUNTY IS GRATEFUL FOR IT. THANK  
23 YOU SO MUCH AGAIN, SUPERVISORS. AND AGAIN I CAN'T FORGET THE  
24 C.E.O. FOR ALL THEIR SUPPORT FINANCIALLY, ALONG WITH YOU, TO  
25 MAKE THIS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **DR. MARK A. FAJARDO:** WHAT A WONDERFUL THING TO ACTUALLY HAVE  
3 TO STEP INTO THIS POSITION AND HAVE OUR LAB BEING AT THE  
4 PINNACLE OF ITS PROFESSIONAL CAREER AND GETTING A.S.C.L.A.D.  
5 CERTIFICATION. I'M SO PROUD OF OUR LAB. JUST A FEW WORDS BY MY  
6 CHIEF, PLEASE.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
9 ANTONOVICH, AND ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
10 WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THIS RECOGNITION. BUT AS ANY MANAGER  
11 WILL TELL YOU, OR SHOULD TELL YOU, NOT A LOT IS GOING TO GET  
12 DONE WITHOUT SOME VERY EXCELLENT STAFF. AND THE COUNTY IS VERY  
13 FORTUNATE TO HAVE SOME OUTSTANDING FORENSIC SCIENTISTS WORKING  
14 FOR THE CORONER'S OFFICE WITHOUT WHOM THIS I.C.O.  
15 ACCREDITATION WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. SO I CERTAINLY WANT TO  
16 ACKNOWLEDGE THEM. AN EFFECTIVE QUALITY FORENSIC LABORATORY  
17 DOESN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT. IT HAS TO BE DEVELOPED. IT TAKES  
18 TIME AND RESOURCES. SO I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THIS BOARD AND  
19 THE C.E.O. FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OVER THE YEARS FOR OUR  
20 OFFICE AND OUR LABORATORY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST SAY THAT MANY OF YOU WATCH THE  
23 C.S.I. PROGRAMS ON C.B.S. TELEVISION. BUT THEY HAVE USED OUR  
24 CRIME LAB, OUR CORONER'S OFFICE FOR A LOT OF THEIR RESEARCH,  
25 ET CETERA, ET CETERA. SO WHAT YOU'RE SEEING ON TELEVISION,





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1 ENLIGHTENING YOU TO WHAT REALLY HAPPENS WHEN YOU SOLVE A  
2 CRIME, A LOT OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE ALSO PART OF THAT. SO WE  
3 EDUCATE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO GET AN INTEREST IN FORENSIC  
4 MEDICINE AND THE COMMUNITY TO UNDERSTAND THIS VERY IMPORTANT  
5 PART OF MEDICINE, WHICH IS FORENSIC MEDICINE. WE HAVE A LITTLE  
6 THREE-YEAR-OLD PAPILLION MIX, A LITTLE BOY. HE'S A LITTLE  
7 BASHFUL RIGHT NOW. HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYBODY WOULD LIKE  
8 TO ADOPT HIM. HIS NAME IS J.D. DO YOU WANT TO SHOW YOUR  
9 PROFILE? OKAY. YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610. ANYBODY IN THE  
10 AUDIENCE WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE J.D? HE'LL GIVE YOU A LOT  
11 OF LOVE AND JOY. HE'S A LITTLE STAGE FRIGHT RIGHT NOW. FIRST  
12 TIME YOU'VE BEEN ON TELEVISION?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
15 ANTONOVICH, AND KNABE. WE APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENTATIONS.  
16 MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AS IT IS PUBLIC HEARING DAY, LET'S  
17 PROCEED ACCORDINGLY ACKNOWLEDGING THE FACT THAT WE DO HAVE A  
18 SET ITEM.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SO THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. SO WE  
21 HAVE SIX PUBLIC ITEMS AND IF I COULD GET EVERYBODY SWORN IN ON  
22 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 6. IF YOU PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD,  
23 PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. IN THE  
24 TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY  
25 AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE



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1 TRUTH, SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU, YOU MAY BE SEATED. WE'LL  
2 BEGIN WITH ITEM NO. 1. AND THIS IS THE HEARING ON THE  
3 DETACHMENT OF THE PALMDALE ZONE FROM COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT,  
4 LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT-1, THE TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION  
5 OF COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1616 TO THE CITY OF  
6 PALMDALE STREETLIGHT DISTRICT AND APPROVE AND ACCEPT THE  
7 NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUE RESULTING FROM THE  
8 TRANSFER. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON THIS MATTER. NO  
9 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED, AND I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ALSO  
10 A COUPLE PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL HEAR FROM THE  
13 DEPARTMENT IN SHORT ORDER.

14

15 **JAMES CHAN:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JAMES CHAN AND I AM THE HEAD  
17 OF THE STREET LIGHTING SECTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
18 WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE DETACHMENT  
19 OF THE PALMDALE ZONE FROM COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1.  
20 ON DECEMBER 5, 2012, THE CITY OF PALMDALE PASSED A RESOLUTION  
21 REQUESTING THAT THE PALMDALE ZONE BE DETACHED FROM COUNTY  
22 LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1. THE CITY OF PALMDALE HAS ELECTED  
23 TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION COUNTY LIGHTING  
24 MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1616 FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO  
25 THE CITY OF PALMDALE STREETLIGHT DISTRICT AND TO PROVIDE FOR



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1 THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE STREETLIGHTS THEREIN. WE  
2 ARE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE NEGOTIATED  
3 EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE  
4 JURISDICTIONAL CHANGE.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'VE HEARD THE  
7 PRESENTATION OF STAFF. THE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON  
8 THIS ITEM THAT WE HAVE NOTE OF, MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON THIS ITEM ACTUALLY, THERE ARE  
11 NO PUBLIC SPEAKERS, SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC  
12 HEARING.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. AND WITH THAT,  
15 SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS. WE SEE  
16 NO OBJECTIONS, THEREFORE PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE. WE  
17 MOVE TO THE NEXT ITEM, PLEASE.

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM NO. 2, THIS IS  
20 A HEARING ON ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A 50-YEAR  
21 PROPRIETARY WELL AND WATER PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO MONTROSE  
22 CHEMICAL CORPORATION OF CALIFORNIA TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A  
23 GROUND WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM TO REMEDIATE CONTAMINATED GROUND  
24 WATER IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF THE COUNTY, WHEREBY THE  
25 COUNTY WILL RECEIVE \$80,000 FOR FRANCHISE AND PERMIT FEES.



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1 THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT, AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS  
2 RECEIVED ON THIS MATTER.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANYONE WISHING TO BE  
5 HEARD ON THIS?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. I'D LIKE TO GET A STAFF REPORT ON THIS,  
8 IF THERE IS A STAFF REPORT.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I  
11 UNDERSTOOD THERE WAS NO STAFF REPORT TO BE ENTERED ON THIS.  
12 WOULD YOU CHOOSE TO TABLE THIS, CONTINUE IT? WHAT'S YOUR  
13 PLEASURE?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY ONE QUESTION-- AND IT CAN BE ANSWERED NOW  
16 AND WE DON'T NEED TO TABLE IT. IF WE CAN'T ANSWER IT, THEN  
17 MAYBE WE SHOULD. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE FRANCHISEE DID NOT POST  
18 THE REQUIRED INDEMNITY OR WHATEVER THE PHRASEOLOGY IS-- THANK  
19 YOU. GIVE ME ONE SECOND, MR. CHAIRMAN.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHY DON'T WE TABLE THIS AND GO  
22 TO THE NEXT HEARING, AND MAYBE BY THAT TIME WE'LL HAVE A STAFF  
23 PERSON WHO CAN RESPOND.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I GUESS HERE'S THE ISSUE.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THERE'S NO GUARANTEE, ACCORDING TO THIS  
5 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT, THERE IS NO  
6 GUARANTEE THAT THE COUNTY, AND THE L.A. COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL  
7 DISTRICT WILL BE SHIELDED FROM ALL COSTS OR LIABILITIES  
8 ASSOCIATED WITH THE FRANCHISE AND LEASE. EVEN THOUGH I BELIEVE  
9 THE FRANCHISEE WAS ASKED TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE, THEY DECLINED,  
10 AND YET THIS IS GOING FORWARD. SO THERE IS SOME RISK TO THE  
11 COUNTY, AND THAT'S WHAT THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, AND THAT'S  
12 WHAT I WANTED TO GET STRAIGHTENED OUT, WHY WE'RE PROCEEDING. I  
13 DON'T KNOW WHAT THE STANDARD IS.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** COULD WE HAVE STAFF HERE  
16 PREPARED TO RESPOND TO THE SUPERVISOR'S QUESTION AT THIS  
17 POINT? IF WE DO, WE'LL PROCEED. IF NOT, WE WILL TABLE IT.  
18 YOU'RE COMING FORWARD TO RESPOND TO THE QUESTION? PARDON ME.  
19 ARE YOU COMING TO RESPOND TO THE QUESTION? IF SO, PLEASE DO SO  
20 RIGHT THERE. WE'LL FIND OUT. THANK YOU. YOUR NAME, YOUR RANK  
21 AND YOUR SERIAL NUMBER, PLEASE.

22

23 **DANA ROTHMAN:** MY NAME IS DANA ROTHMAN, I'M THE HEAD OF REAL  
24 ESTATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. IF YOU GIVE ME



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1 SOME TIME TO REVIEW OUR FILES HERE AND SPEAK WITH COUNTY  
2 COUNSEL, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO RESPOND TO YOUR QUESTION.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S FINE. HOLD IT ON THE TABLE.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SO WE WILL HOLD THIS. WE WILL  
7 PROCEED TO THE NEXT ITEM. AND ASSUMING THAT WE CAN GET A  
8 SATISFACTORY ANSWER, WE'LL DISPOSE OF IT TODAY; OTHERWISE  
9 WE'LL CONTINUE IT ACCORDINGLY. ALL RIGHT? MADAME EXECUTIVE  
10 OFFICER?

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ON THIS ITEM, THERE  
13 IS A SPEAKER, IF YOU'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM HIM NOW OR WOULD YOU  
14 LIKE TO WAIT UNTIL THE ITEM IS CALLED BACK?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL WAIT, THANK YOU.

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 3, THIS IS THE HEARING  
19 ON ADOPTION OF THE 2013 CONGESTION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM LOCAL  
20 DEVELOPMENT REPORT AND THE SELF-CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION TO  
21 ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO RECEIVE ITS SHARE OF GAS  
22 TAX SUBVENTION REVENUES. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND  
23 NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. ON ITEM NO. 3, THERE IS ONE  
24 SPEAKER.

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ON NUMBER 3, THERE IS  
2   A PERSON THAT WISHES TO BE HEARD. PLEASE COME FORWARD, THE  
3   NAME OF ARNOLD SACHS.

4

5   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. AND  
6   LET ME FIRST-- WE'RE GETTING ONE MINUTE ON THESE ITEMS NOW?  
7   OH, MAN, THIS IS TOUGH. I'M REALLY CONCERNED. WELL, FIRST, AT  
8   F.A.R.T., FIXING ANGELINOS ROTTING IN TRAFFIC, WE'RE HAPPY TO  
9   REPORT THE ROADS ARE AS CONGESTED AS WHEN YOU FIRST BECAME  
10   SUPERVISORS 20 YEARS AGO AND THEY'RE STILL CONGESTED TODAY. MY  
11   CONCERNS IS THOUGH ACTUALLY REFERS TO THE REVENUE. AND I POINT  
12   OUT LIKE IN METRO, FIVE YEARS OF BUDGET RECAPS. IN 2008, THE  
13   FUNDING WAS LESS 1.5 MILLION. IN 2010, LESS 29 MILLION. IN  
14   2011, LESS 6.2 MILLION. IN 2012, A DIFFERENCE OF 13.1 MILLION.  
15   IN 2013, A DIFFERENCE OF 9.3 MILLION. AND NOW YOU ARE  
16   CONCERNED ABOUT GASOLINE TAX REVENUE? I'M ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT  
17   THE USE OF BIKE LANES. GASOLINE TAX REVENUE HAS PAID FOR ROAD  
18   SERVICE. BIKE LANES PAY NOTHING.

19

20   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
21   TESTIMONY. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

22

23   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ON THIS ITEM, THE  
24   ITEM IS BEFORE YOU TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING?

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

2

3    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND MOVE THE ITEM?

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5    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S BEEN PROPERLY MOVED BY  
6    SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SEEING  
7    NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

8

9    **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 4, THIS IS THE DE NOVO  
10    HEARING ON PROJECT NO. R2010-01071-3 AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE  
11    DECLARATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TO  
12    AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES ON TWO  
13    LOTS AND REMOVAL OF ONE OAK TREE LOCATED AT 29153 CRAGS DRIVE  
14    IN MALIBU ZONE DISTRICT, APPLIED FOR BY DONALD HASKIN. THERE  
15    IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT. CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. AND  
16    THERE ARE A FEW PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

17

18    **JARED NIGREEN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JARED  
19    NIGREEN AND I'M WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THE  
20    APPEAL BEFORE YOU INCLUDES A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, OAK TREE  
21    PERMIT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. THE PROJECT PROPOSES TWO  
22    NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES ON TWO EXISTING LOTS AND ONE OAK  
23    TREE REMOVAL IN THE RESORT RECREATION ZONE. THE LOS ANGELES  
24    COUNTY ZONING CODE ALLOWS SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES IN THE  
25    RESORT RECREATION ZONE PROVIDED A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IS



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1 OBTAINED. THE PROJECT SITE IS LOCATED AT 29153 CRAGS DRIVE IN  
2 THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF MALIBU LAKE. THE PROJECT WAS  
3 APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 13,  
4 2013. ON FEBRUARY 26, 2013, THE MALIBU LAKESIDE HOMEOWNERS  
5 ASSOCIATION AND SAVE OPEN SPACE APPEALED THE COMMISSION'S  
6 APPROVAL TO YOUR BOARD. SINCE THE COMMISSION'S APPROVAL,  
7 MULTIPLE MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD WITH THE COUNTY STAFF,  
8 MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE APPLICANT. THOSE MEETINGS  
9 HAVE RESULTED IN SEVERAL NEW AND REVISED CONDITIONS. THEY  
10 INCLUDE AN INCREASE IN THE COMMUNITY RECREATION AREA FROM  
11 9,500 SQUARE FEET TO 25,712 SQUARE FEET AS SHOWN ON THE NEW  
12 EXHIBIT A. THE NEW EXHIBIT A ALSO DEPICTS THE BUS STOP  
13 EASEMENT AREA THE APPLICANT HAS AGREED TO. THE COMMUNITY HAS  
14 ALSO INDICATED THEY PREFER RANCH-STYLE HOMES IN THE FORM OF  
15 DESIGN. ACCORDING TO "THE RANCH HOUSE" BY ALLEN HESS, RANCH  
16 STYLE CHARACTERISTICS MAY INCLUDE DEEP- SET EAVES, RECTANGULAR  
17 L-SHAPED OR U-SHAPED DESIGN, LOW PITCHED GABLED ROOFS, LACK OF  
18 DECORATIVE DETAILING AND BUILT FROM NATURALLY OCCURRING  
19 MATERIALS. IN CONCLUSION, THE STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD  
20 CERTIFY THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THIS PROJECT  
21 AND APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND THE OAK TREE PERMIT  
22 WITH CONDITIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
23 COMMISSION AND MODIFIED DURING THE RECENT COMMUNITY MEETING.  
24 THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER YOUR  
25 QUESTIONS.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** SIR?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO, BEFORE WE HAVE THE PUBLIC  
7 HEARING, READ A TENTATIVE MOTION INTO THE RECORD SO THAT THE  
8 PEOPLE WHO TESTIFY CAN ALSO ADDRESS THAT AND EMPHASIZE THAT IF  
9 WE HEAR ANYTHING DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING, WE CAN EASILY  
10 MODIFY THIS MOTION SO IT'S NOT 100 PERCENT FINAL, BUT IT'S  
11 CLOSE. AND IT'S LENGTHY, AND I APOLOGIZE. I'LL TRY TO MAKE IT  
12 AS FAST AS I CAN. "MALIBU LAKESIDE IS A UNIQUELY BEAUTIFUL AND  
13 TIGHTLY KNIT COMMUNITY WITHIN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. THE  
14 PROPOSAL BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO BUILD A TOTAL OF  
15 TWO HOUSES ON TWO LEGAL LOTS AT THE GEOGRAPHIC AND HISTORICAL  
16 CENTER OF THIS COMMUNITY THEREFORE DESERVES THE COUNTY'S  
17 CAREFUL SCRUTINY TO ENSURE THAT THE COMMUNITY CHARACTER IS  
18 RESPECTED AND THE NORTH AREA PLAN IS UPHELD. WHILE THE INITIAL  
19 PROPOSAL CONSIDERED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION DID  
20 NOT FULLY UPHOLD THE STANDARDS EXPECTED FOR THIS AREA, THE  
21 PROPERTY OWNER, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND COUNTY STAFF HAVE SINCE  
22 WORKED TOGETHER TO DRAMATICALLY REFINE THIS PROPOSAL. FIRST,  
23 HOUSE SIZES WERE REDUCED BY MORE THAN 25 PERCENT COMPARED TO  
24 THE ORIGINAL PROPOSAL RESULTING IN LOT COVERAGE OF ONLY 8  
25 PERCENT, THUS LEAVING MORE OPEN SPACE IN ALMOST EVERY NEARBY



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1 IMPROVED PARCEL. SECOND, THE PROPERTY OWNER HAS AGREED TO  
2 PROVIDE A PROPOSED PARK AREA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MALIBU  
3 LAKESIDE HOMEOWNERS. THIRD, THE PROPERTY OWNER HAS AGREED TO  
4 PROVIDE A VIEW SHED PROTECTION AREA AT THE INTERSECTION OF  
5 PAIUTE DRIVE AND CRAGS DRIVE WHICH IS THE PART OF THE PROPERTY  
6 MOST VISIBLE TO RESIDENTS AND OTHER VISITORS FIRST VISITING  
7 THE COMMUNITY. FINALLY, THE PROPERTY OWNER AND COMMUNITY HAVE  
8 LOOKED TO THE BEST OF THE NEWER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE VICINITY,  
9 OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY TO IDENTIFY THE QUALITY AND STYLE OF  
10 DEVELOPMENT AND NATURAL LANDSCAPING THAT WOULD HELP ENSURE THE  
11 PROPOSED PROJECT WOULD BE TRULY COMPATIBLE WITH THE AESTHETIC  
12 CHARACTER OF THE MALIBU LAKESIDE COMMUNITY. USING THE RANCH OR  
13 SIMILAR STYLE HOMES AND LANDSCAPING CONDITIONS REQUIRED BY  
14 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 97-180 APPLIED FOR BY VINTAGE  
15 COMMUNITIES AS A MODEL, THE COMMUNITY AND PROPERTY OWNER HAVE  
16 AGREED TO A DETAILED SET OF LANDSCAPING AND ARCHITECTURAL  
17 CONDITIONS WHICH ARE SET FORTH BELOW. IN ADDITION, THE  
18 DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING MUST PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR  
19 ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY INPUT ON THE FINAL LANDSCAPING PLANS  
20 BEFORE HE APPROVES THOSE PLANS. WHILE NO AGREEMENT IS PERFECT,  
21 THE COMBINED WILLINGNESS OF THE PROPERTY OWNER AND THE  
22 COMMUNITY TO WORK TOGETHER HAS RESULTED IN REDUCED HOME SIZES,  
23 A PARK AREA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY, PRESERVATION OF  
24 THE MOST CRITICAL VIEW SHED PROTECTION AREA OF THE PROPERTY  
25 AND A BINDING SET OF AESTHETIC CONDITIONS. ON THIS BASIS, THE



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1 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE SURROUNDING HOMEOWNERS CAN BE  
2 CONFIDENT THAT THE NEW DEVELOPMENT WILL BE DONE IN A MANNER  
3 THAT RESPECTS BOTH THE COMMUNITY OF MALIBU LAKESIDE AND THE  
4 NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
5 SUPERVISORS-- I WILL MOVE-- THIS IS TENTATIVE, AS I  
6 EMPHASIZED-- TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, ADOPT THE MITIGATED  
7 NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM  
8 PREPARED FOR THE PROJECT, INDICATE THE BOARD'S INTENT TO  
9 APPROVE PROJECT NO. R2010-01071 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO.  
10 2011-00012-- NO DASH. AND OAK TREE PERMIT NO. 2011-00011  
11 SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS AND DIRECT THE COUNTY  
12 COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE FINAL FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS SUBJECT  
13 TO THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS AND BRING BACK FINAL DOCUMENTS  
14 FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERING TO A FUTURE BOARD MEETING. 1, AS  
15 AGREED BY THE APPLICANT THE IRREVOCABLE OFFER TO DEDICATE AN  
16 EASEMENT OR OTHER INTEREST MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE MALIBU  
17 LAKESIDE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY AND  
18 RECREATIONAL ACCESS USERS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE PARK AREA,  
19 SHALL BE EXPANDED TODAY TO APPROXIMATELY 25,712 SQUARE FEET,  
20 THAT'S APPROXIMATELY 25,712 SQUARE FEET, IN AN AREA TO BE  
21 CONSISTENT WITH THE EXHIBIT PRESENTED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
22 STAFF AT TODAY'S HEARING. 2, CONDITIONS 23 THROUGH 26 AS  
23 APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION SHALL BE REPLACED  
24 WITH THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE. A, THE PERMITTEE SHALL USE  
25 SUBDUED EARTH TONE COLORS AND/OR TEXTURES THAT BLEND WITH THE





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1 LOCAL AREA ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE TWO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES  
2 INCLUDING TRIM AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURES EXCEPT FOR SPLIT RAIL  
3 FENCES WHICH MAY BE PAINTED IN WHITE TONES. THE EXTERIOR OF  
4 EACH OF THE STRUCTURES INCLUDING THE GARAGE SHALL BE USED--  
5 SHALL USE AT LEAST THREE DIFFERENT TEXTURES. SUBJECT TO THE  
6 REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE DIRECTOR. THE PRIMARY COLORS USED  
7 IN SUCH STRUCTURES SHALL BE EARTH TONES SUCH AS BEIGE, SAND,  
8 TAUPE, OR SIMILAR COLORS. AND TWO THE PREDOMINANT ROOT COLORS  
9 OF EACH STRUCTURE SHALL BE OF SLATE TONE AND SHALL NOT HAVE  
10 BLACK, WHITE, LIGHT GRAY OR RED SPANISH TILE AS THE  
11 PREDOMINANT COLOR OF MATERIAL. BOTH RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS TO  
12 BE CONSTRUCTED SHALL CONFORM TO RANCH OR SIMILAR STYLE BUT  
13 SHALL BE VERY NONREPETITIVE DESIGNS. B, ALL BUILDING FACADES  
14 SHALL BE VERY RECESSED AND ARTICULATED WITH USE OF BALCONIES,  
15 PORCHES, PATIOS OR BAY WINDOWS. MODERN ARCHITECTURE, FLAT  
16 ROOFS, PREDOMINANTLY GLASS WALLS AND LONG UNBROKEN BUILDING  
17 WALLS EXCEEDING 30 FEET IN LENGTH SHALL BE PROHIBITED. C, THE  
18 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES SHALL BE LIMITED TO TWO STORIES AND  
19 MAXIMUM 32 FEET IN HEIGHT. THE FLOOR AREA OF THE SECOND FLOOR  
20 SHALL BE MAXIMUM OF 50 PERCENT OF THE FLOOR AREA OF THE FIRST.  
21 IN ORDER TO PROVIDE VARIED BUILDING BULK AND INTEREST, AND  
22 ENSURE COMPATIBILITY WITH SURROUNDING RESIDENCES. D, THREE  
23 COPIES OF THE LANDSCAPE PLAN PREPARED BY A LICENSED LANDSCAPE  
24 ARCHITECT SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO AND APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR,  
25 PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF ANY BUILDING PERMIT WITHIN THE



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1 PROJECT AREA. SAID LANDSCAPE PLAN SHALL INDICATE THE SIZE,  
2 TYPE AND LOCATION OF ALL TREES, PLANTS AND IRRIGATION  
3 FACILITIES. ALL LANDSCAPING SHALL PREDOMINANTLY CONSIST OF  
4 DROUGHT TOLERANT LOCALLY INDIGENOUS NATIVE SPECIES AND SHALL  
5 BE MAINTAINED IN A NEAT, CLEAN AND HEALTHFUL CONDITION  
6 INCLUDING PROPER PRUNING, WEEDING, FERTILIZING AND REPLACEMENT  
7 OF PLANTS WHEN NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN COMPLIANCE WITHOUT THIS  
8 CONDITION. EXCEPT AS REQUIRED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OR OTHER  
9 REGULATORY AGENCY, THE PERMITTEE SHALL PREDOMINANTLY USE PLANT  
10 SPECIES CONTAINED IN THE CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY LIST  
11 FOR ALL PROJECT LANDSCAPING. SAID LANDSCAPING SHALL ALSO  
12 DEPICT THE LOCATION OF MATURE TREES, THAT IS, 60-INCH BOX  
13 SPECIMENS AND LANDSCAPING ALONG THE SUBJECT PROPERTIES'  
14 FRONTAGES ALONG CRAGS DRIVE SEMINOLE DRIVE, PAIUTE DRIVE AND  
15 THE DEDICATED AREA TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE STAFF SENIOR  
16 BIOLOGIST. EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO MEET FIRE SAFETY  
17 OR OTHER REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS, THE PERMITTEE SHALL USE A  
18 WATERING SYSTEM SUCH AS A DRIP IRRIGATION DESIGNED TO CONSERVE  
19 WATER. IRRIGATION SHALL ONLY BE USED UNTIL THE PLANTS ARE  
20 ESTABLISHED AND THEREAFTER ONLY AS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE  
21 HEALTH OF THE PLANTS. THE APPROVED LANDSCAPES SHALL BE  
22 IMPLEMENTED WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF AUTHORIZATION OF OCCUPANCY.  
23 E, IN ADDITION TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE DIRECTOR OF  
24 REGIONAL PLANNING, THE LANDSCAPE PLAN SHALL BE REVIEWED BY  
25 STAFF BIOLOGIST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING IN THE



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1 LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. THEIR REVIEW SHALL INCLUDE  
2 AN EVALUATION OF THE BALANCE OF STRUCTURAL DIVERSITY, THAT IS  
3 TREES, SHRUBS AND GROUND COVER THAT WOULD BE EXPECTED 24  
4 MONTHS AFTER PLANNING AND COMPLIANCE WITH FIRE SAFETY  
5 REQUIREMENTS. THE LANDSCAPING SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN  
6 COMPLIANCE WITH THE APPROVED PLANS ON FILE. F, TO THE  
7 SATISFACTION OF THE DIRECTOR, THE LANDSCAPING SHALL WHEN  
8 COMBINED WITH THE SETBACKS AND ARTICULATION OF THE STRUCTURE,  
9 REASONABLY SCREEN FROM PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE FRONTAGES WITHIN A  
10 REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE  
11 OF OCCUPANCY, PREVENT UNINTERRUPTED VIEWS OF ANY PORTION OF A  
12 STRUCTURE THAT EXCEEDS 25 FEET IN LENGTH AS SEEN FROM ANY  
13 PUBLIC VANTAGE POINT AND CREATE A NATURALIZED RATHER THAN  
14 ARTIFICIAL MANICURED OR SUBURBAN APPEARANCE. WHEN VIEWED FROM  
15 ALL PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE VANTAGE POINTS, THE RESIDENTIAL  
16 STRUCTURE SHALL APPEAR TO BE NESTLED WITHIN NATIVE VEGETATION  
17 RATHER THAN DOMINATE OVER THE NATURALIZED LANDSCAPING AND  
18 SHALL BLEND HARMONIOUSLY WITH THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT AND  
19 BUILT COMMUNITY. G, IN ADDITION TO THESE TREES-- IN ADDITION  
20 TO THOSE TREES REQUIRED BY THE GREEN BUILDING ORDINANCE AND IN  
21 ADDITION TO EXISTING OAK TREES PRESERVED BY THE PROPERTY, THE  
22 LANDSCAPING SHALL INCLUDE A MINIMUM OF FOUR NATIVE TREES  
23 PLANTED ON EACH LOT BETWEEN THE RESIDENCES AND AREAS THAT ARE  
24 OPEN TO VIEW FROM PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE AREAS AND NEIGHBORING  
25 PROPERTIES. H, PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF ANY GRADING AND/OR



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1 BUILDING PERMIT, SITE PLANS DEPICTING EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS  
2 INCLUDING COLORS, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO AND APPROVED BY THE  
3 DIRECTOR TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONDITIONS OF THIS  
4 GRANT. THE PERMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT A REVISED EXHIBIT A TO THE  
5 DIRECTOR DEPICTING COMPLIANCE. I, PRIOR TO COUNTY APPROVAL OF  
6 THE LANDSCAPE PLAN, THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING SHALL  
7 MAKE THE OVERALL PROJECT LANDSCAPE PLAN AVAILABLE TO THE  
8 PUBLIC FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESSER THAN 30 DAYS DURING WHICH  
9 TIME THE DIRECTOR SHALL TAKE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE PLAN. THE  
10 DIRECTOR'S DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER TO APPROVE THE  
11 LANDSCAPE PLAN SHALL BE BASED SOLELY ON THE DIRECTOR'S  
12 DETERMINATION AS TO WHETHER THE LANDSCAPE PLAN CONFORMS TO THE  
13 CONDITIONS OF THIS GRANT. NUMBER 3, IN LIEU OF THE OFFER TO  
14 DEDICATE ADDITIONAL STREET WIDENING TO ACCOMMODATE THE SCHOOL  
15 BUS STOPS SPECIFIED IN CONDITION 31 AS AGREED, THE APPLICANT  
16 SHALL PROVIDE TO THE MALIBU LAKESIDE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION  
17 AN IRREVOCABLE OFFER TO DEDICATE AN EASEMENT OR OTHER  
18 INTERESTS MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE MALIBU LAKESIDE  
19 HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION COVERING THE BUS STOP REPLACEMENT AREA  
20 DEPICTED ON THE EXHIBIT PRESENTED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
21 STAFF AT TODAY'S HEARING. FOUR, THE USES ALLOWED WITHIN THE  
22 PARK AREA SHALL INCLUDE USES OF SOCIAL, COMMUNITY AND  
23 RECREATIONAL CHARACTER TYPICALLY FOUND IN A NEIGHBORHOOD PARK.  
24 NO STRUCTURES OR EARTH WORK REQUIRING A PERMIT FROM THE  
25 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING AND SAFETY DIVISION SHALL



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1 BE ERECTED OR PERFORMED. NO POULTRY RAISING OR OTHER SIMILAR  
2 AGRICULTURAL USES SHALL BE ALLOWED. AND NO PARKING SHALL BE  
3 ALLOWED WITHIN THE PARK AREA EXCEPT FOR SPECIAL EVENTS FOR  
4 WHICH A TEMPORARY USE PERMIT HAS FIRST BEEN OBTAINED. AND  
5 FIVE, ALL JUNK SALVAGE, DEBRIS AND INOPERABLE VEHICLES ON THE  
6 SUBJECT PROPERTY SHALL BE REMOVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF THE  
7 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS PERMIT AND THE PROPERTY SHALL BE  
8 MAINTAINED FREE OF THESE ITEMS DURING THE LIFE OF THE PERMIT  
9 AND FINALLY NUMBER 6 THE USE OF ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES  
10 ANYWHERE ON THE SUBJECT PROPERTY SHALL BE PROHIBITED." WOULD  
11 YOU LIKE ME TO REPEAT THAT?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU TO.  
14 I FELL ASLEEP. THEREFORE, I WANT TO BE FULLY ATTENTIVE,  
15 SUPERVISOR.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL KEEP YOU AWAKE.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THAT WILL DO IT. MAY  
20 I THEN ASK FOR THE FOLLOWING PERSONS TO COME FORWARD TO BE  
21 HEARD PER YOUR REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. MARK MOSKOWITZ,  
22 FRED GAINES, ALYSE LAZAR, MARY WIESBROCK, PAMELA PEARL,  
23 SUZANNE COOPER, DEBBY PATTIZ, SCOTT BILLINGSLEY AND FINALLY  
24 ARNOLD SACHS. YOU MAY PROCEED AT THIS TIME.

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1   **FRED GAINES:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, FRED GAINES OF THE LAW  
2   OFFICE OF GAINES AND STACEY. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE  
3   PROPERTY OWNER, MR. MOSKOWITZ AND HIS FAMILY WHO HAVE OWNED  
4   THIS PROPERTY FOR A LONG TIME. I WAS FOLLOWING WORD FOR WORD  
5   WITH MY COPY WHEN SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WAS READING, AND HE  
6   READ EXACTLY WHAT THE PROPERTY OWNER HAS AGREED TO IN TERMS OF  
7   THE MODIFIED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL. WE APPRECIATE THE WORK OF  
8   SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S OFFICE IN PARTICULAR BEN SALTZMAN  
9   FROM HIS OFFICE, FROM THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT. MR. BRUCKNER  
10   WAS PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN MEETINGS REGARDING THIS. AND FOR  
11   TWO HOMES ON FOUR ACRES, THIS WAS VERY, VERY WELL VETTED. I  
12   WANT TO THANK THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, THEIR COUNSEL AND  
13   THE NEIGHBORS. THEY BROUGHT SOME GOOD IDEAS TO THE TABLE THAT  
14   HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE PROPERTY  
15   OWNER IN THIS CASE HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE THIS HALF ACRE PARK  
16   TO MAKE THESE ACCOMMODATIONS. AND IT'S BEEN A VERY LONG  
17   PROCESS AND WE WOULD URGE YOU TODAY TO APPROVE THE  
18   RECOMMENDATIONS BEING MADE BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

19

20   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
21   WE'LL PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

22

23   **MARK MOSKOWITZ:** I'M MARK MOSKOWITZ. I'M THE APPLICANT, AND WE  
24   DO WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS, BEN SALTZMAN FOR ALL OF HIS  
25   NEGOTIATIONS BACK AND FORTH. JAROD, FOR ALL OF HIS HARD WORK.





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1 AS FRED SAID, WE DID WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
2 HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION. WE HAVE COME UP WITH A VERY WORKABLE  
3 PROJECT FOR THE COMMUNITY AND FOR US. SO WE DO RECOMMEND THAT  
4 YOU DO SUPPORT IT. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORT.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
7 WE'LL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKERS. THOSE WHO ARE NOT HERE WHO  
8 I'VE CALLED TO BE HEARD, PLEASE COME FORWARD. MR. MOSKOWITZ,  
9 IF YOU COULD RELINQUISH YOUR SEAT, WE'LL PROCEED. THANK YOU.  
10 MA'AM?

11

12 **ALYSE LAZAR:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. ALYSE LAZAR, I'M THE  
13 ATTORNEY FOR THE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, MA'AM.

16

17 **ALYSE LAZAR:** WE THANK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND HIS STAFF FOR  
18 WORKING WITH US AND WITH THE APPLICANT TO COME UP WITH A  
19 BETTER PROJECT THAN WAS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.  
20 THIS WAS PARK LAND. WE APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT OVER 25,000  
21 SQUARE FEET WILL REMAIN AS PARK LAND. WE FEEL THAT THE STYLE  
22 OF THE HOMES NOW, THE RANCH OR SIMILAR STYLE IS MORE IN  
23 KEEPING WITH OVERALL CHARACTER OF THE COMMUNITY. WE ASK THE  
24 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE APPLICANT  
25 AND THE COMMUNITY ON THE SEPTIC ISSUE TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S



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1 SAFE FOR THE WATERWAYS AND SAFE FOR THE NEIGHBORHOODS IF THAT  
2 SEPTIC IS APPROVED IN THE PLAN. WE DO ENCOURAGE THE  
3 SUPERVISORS TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR  
4 YAROSLAVSKY, AND REQUEST ALL THESE AMENDMENTS BE APPROVED. AND  
5 WITH THAT, WE WILL SUPPORT THE PROJECT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR  
6 YOUR TIME.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. WE  
9 WILL PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE, MA'AM.

10

11 **MARY WIESBROCK:** MARY WIESBROCK WITH SAVE OPEN SPACE. SAVE OPEN  
12 SPACE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS SUPPORTS MALIBU LAKESIDE'S  
13 COMPROMISE WITH THE APPLICANT FOR TWO SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES  
14 COMPATIBLE WITH THE CHARACTER OF MALIBU LAKESIDE NEIGHBORHOOD  
15 TO BE BUILT ON THIS ZONED RECREATIONAL LOT. WE DO BELIEVE THAT  
16 THERE IS SOME MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS THAT WILL EXIST,  
17 AND CONTINUE TO EXIST. AS MORE BUILDINGS AND CEMENT ARE PUT  
18 IN, MORE PERMEABLE SURFACE WILL BE LOST AND THERE COULD BE THE  
19 POTENTIAL FOR MORE FLOODING DURING THE RAINY SEASON. AND THE  
20 SEPTIC COULD HAVE PROBLEMS BECAUSE IT'S ON \_\_\_\_-VOLCANIC  
21 GEOLOGY WHICH DOES NOT HAVE THE BEST PERCOLATION RATE. AND THE  
22 LAST, THE FIRE SAFETY EVACUATION ISSUE. THERE'S ONLY ONE  
23 ACCESS OUT. AND IN THE PAST, THIS FOUR-ACRE LOT HAS BEEN USED  
24 AS AN EVACUATION CENTER. SO WE HOPE FOR ALL THESE REASONS THAT  
25 THE LAND OWNER WILL CONSIDER TO SELL THE ENTIRE FOUR ACRES TO



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1 THE HOMEOWNERS AS OPEN SPACE. AND AS ONE OF THE APPELLANTS,  
2 SAVE OPEN SPACE SUPPORTS YAROSLAVSKY'S AMENDMENT TO THE  
3 PROJECT. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
6 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7

8 **PAMELA PEARL:** YES, MY NAME IS PAMELA PEARL. I LIVE WITHIN THE  
9 500-FOOT ZONE OF THIS PROPERTY. I AM HERE TO REPRESENT THE  
10 500-FOOT HOMEOWNERS' GROUP. I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE  
11 MALIBU LAKESIDE ASSOCIATION IS NOT-- IS A VOLUNTEER  
12 ASSOCIATION. THEY DO NOT REPRESENT THE MAJORITY IN THE  
13 NEIGHBORHOOD. AND THEY CERTAINLY REPRESENT NO ONE IN THE 500-  
14 FOOT ZONE. I HAVE SIGNED STATEMENTS FROM EACH PERSON'S HOUSE  
15 IN THE 500-FOOT ZONE, WHICH WOULD BE A TOTAL OF 13 HOMES. THEY  
16 ARE AGAINST GRANTING OF THE C.U.P. THEY ARE AGAINST THE  
17 PARKLAND, WHICH IS A DRAINAGE DITCH. THEY ARE AGAINST HAVING  
18 THIS DONE TO OUR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS. EACH ONE OF THE HOUSES  
19 IN THE 500-FOOT ZONE ARE APPROXIMATELY 1200 SQUARE FEET.  
20 THEREFORE THESE HOMES ARE PALACES OF 600 TIMES THE SIZE, 600  
21 PERCENT BIGGER THAN OUR HOMES. AND WE DO NOT WANT THIS DONE TO  
22 US.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
25 TESTIMONY.



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2 **PAMELA PEARL:** AND I HAVE THE STATEMENTS OF PEOPLE THAT I CAN--

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PASS THOSE TO THE SERGEANT AT  
5 ARMS. HE'LL BE GLAD TO DISTRIBUTE THEM TO US. WE THANK YOU FOR  
6 YOUR TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER ARE PLEASE.

7

8 **DEBBY PATTIZ:** MY NAME IS DEBBY PATTIZ. AS RESIDENTS OF MALIBU  
9 LAKESIDE FOR NEARLY EIGHT YEARS, AND AS OUR HOME IS LOCATED  
10 DIRECTLY ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION AND  
11 WOULD THEREFORE SUFFER DIRECT IMPACT AND LOSS OF VALUE IF THIS  
12 C.U.P. IS UPHELD, MY HUSBAND AND I WISH TO REITERATE OUR  
13 OPPOSITION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS. I HAVE A SAFETY REASON  
14 WHICH I'VE SUBMITTED IN WRITING. THIS ALSO DIVIDES AN  
15 ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY, WHICH I'VE ALSO SUBMITTED IN WRITING.  
16 AND I WANTED TO SPEAK QUICKLY ABOUT PROPERTY OWNERS' RIGHTS  
17 VERSUS INVESTORS' RIGHTS. SINCE THE 1920S, THIS PROPERTY HAS  
18 BEEN ZONED FOR RECREATIONAL USE. THE HOMEOWNERS WHO INVESTED  
19 IN PROPERTY SURROUNDING THE CENTRAL FOUR-ACRE R.R. PARCEL  
20 SHOULD NOT HAVE THEIR RIGHTS OF COMMUNITY RECREATION BOUGHT OR  
21 SOLD OVER THEIR OBJECTIONS. THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD NOT BE IN  
22 THE BUSINESS OF PROVIDING PRIVATE LAND OWNERS WITH CHANGES TO  
23 THEIR ZONING IN ORDER TO ASSIST THEM IN MAKING A PROFIT ON  
24 THEIR INVESTMENT IF DOING SO WOULD ROB OTHER PRIVATE LAND  
25 OWNERS OF THEIR RIGHTS OR BENEFITS AFFORDED BY THE PREVIOUS



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1 PRE-EXISTING ZONING. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THE APPLICANT  
2 PERMISSION TO IMPOSE A NONCONFORMING USE ON PROPERTY THAT HAS  
3 BEEN SET ASIDE FOR NEARLY 100 YEARS AS THE ONLY OPEN SPACE IN  
4 OUR AREA FOR COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL PURPOSES. PLEASE DO NOT  
5 TAKE VALUE FROM ME AND MY FELLOW HOMEOWNERS BY REMOVING OUR  
6 PROPERTY'S CENTURY- OLD RIGHT OF ACCESS TO R.R.-ZONED PROPERTY  
7 IN ORDER TO CREATE VALUE FOR THE APPLICANT INVESTOR. THANK  
8 YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY  
11 AND MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

12

13 **SUZANNE COOPER:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS SUZANNE COOPER. I'M A  
14 16- YEAR RESIDENT OF MALIBU LAKESIDE. I CAN ONLY DESCRIBE OUR  
15 LOVELY MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY AS AKIN TO TAHOE IN LOS ANGELES  
16 COUNTY. THIS PARCEL IS THE HEART AND SOUL OF OUR SMALL  
17 MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY NEIGHBORHOOD. IT WAS HISTORICALLY ZONED  
18 R.R. FOR A REASON. IN CHANGING THAT ZONING, YOU'RE TAKING AWAY  
19 VERY MUCH CHARACTER FROM THIS MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY. WE ASK THAT  
20 IF YOU DO INTEND TO GRANT THE C.U.P., WHICH OUR PREFERENCE IS  
21 THAT YOU DO NOT, THAT YOU GRANT IT WITH STRICT STIPULATIONS  
22 WITH REGARD TO SIZE, COLOR, CHARACTER, BUILDING MATERIALS,  
23 VEGETATION AND LIGHTING, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO THE NIGHT  
24 SKY ORDINANCE. SO WHAT WE DO NOT WANT IS WE DON'T WANT A



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1 TUSCANY-TYPE ARCHITECTURE IN WHAT'S THE EQUIVALENT OF A LAKE  
2 TAHOE SETTING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
5 WE'LL LISTEN TO THE FINAL SPEAKER. SIR?

6

7 **SCOTT BILLINGSLEY:** HI, I'M SCOTT BILLINGSLEY, I'M VICE  
8 PRESIDENT OF THE MALIBU LAKESIDE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION.  
9 FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND BEN  
10 SALTZMAN, MR. BRUCKNER AND JEROD FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN  
11 MITIGATING SOME OF THE DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS OF THIS PROPOSED  
12 DEVELOPMENT ON OUR COMMUNITY. AS LAID OUT BY SUPERVISOR  
13 YAROSLAVSKY, THE AGREEMENT THAT IS BEFORE YOU IS SOMETHING  
14 THAT WE AS A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION HAVE APPROVED. AND WE HOPE  
15 THAT YOU ALL TAKE HIS AMENDMENTS TO THIS INTO CONSIDERATION  
16 AND APPROVE IT.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
19 TESTIMONY. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE MATTER.  
20 MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WHAT IS BEFORE US?

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU TO CLOSE  
23 THE PUBLIC HEARING AND THEN APPROVE THE ITEM AS AMENDED BY  
24 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MOVED BY  
2   SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. I SEE NO  
3   OBJECTIONS, THEREFORE THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THE MATTER IS  
4   BEFORE US AS AMENDMENT-- AS AMENDED.

5

6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MOVE IT.

7

8   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MOVES.  
9   SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE  
10   RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I CAN JUST THANK THE PEOPLE  
13   ON BOTH SIDES, OR ALL THREE SIDES OF THIS, FOR WORKING  
14   COOPERATIVELY WITH US, THE PROPERTY OWNER, THE APPLICANT AND  
15   HIS COUNSEL AND THE ASSOCIATION AND THE OTHER STAKEHOLDER  
16   COMMUNITIES. THIS IS-- I DON'T THINK WE'VE EVER HAD A TWO-  
17   PARCEL ISSUE THAT HAS TAKEN SO LONG AND HAS HAD SO MANY WORDS  
18   ASSOCIATED WITH ITS APPROVAL AS THIS ONE HAS. BUT IT GIVES YOU  
19   AN IDEA OF THE ATTENTION TO DETAIL THAT'S BEEN BROUGHT TO BEAR  
20   ON THIS. SO I THANK THEM AND THANK MY STAFF AND THE PLANNING  
21   DEPARTMENT STAFF. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

22

23   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
24   YAROSLAVSKY. THOSE WHO WERE HERE ON THAT PARTICULAR ITEM, WE  
25   THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. AT THE REAR OF THE



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1 BOARDROOM, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A SMALL POP QUIZ ON EVERY WORD  
2 OF THAT MOTION. IT WAS SEVEN PAGES. [LAUGHTER.] AND IT WILL BE  
3 COMPARABLE TO THE S.A.T., THE G.R.E., OR ONE OF THOSE APTITUDE  
4 TESTS. SO BE READY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MADAME EXECUTIVE  
5 OFFICER?

6

7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS,  
8 I THINK IT'S 15 MINUTES PAST 11 O'CLOCK IF YOU'D LIKE TO CALL  
9 UP THE ITEM NO. 17, WHICH WAS SET AT 11.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL TAKE THE SET  
12 ITEM AT THIS POINT IN TIME. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE THANK YOU  
13 FOR BEING HERE. LET ME CALL TO YOUR ATTENTION THE FOLLOWING.  
14 ON LAST EVENING, THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
15 PARTICIPATED AND SPONSORED WHAT HAS NOW TO BE KNOWN AS THE  
16 FIRST UNITY DAY CONCERT IN OUR COUNTY AT THE WALT DISNEY  
17 CENTER, THE CONCERT HALL. AND I WANT TO CALL PARTICULAR  
18 ATTENTION-- (GAVEL)-- SERGEANT, IF YOU CAN MAINTAIN THE  
19 APPROPRIATE ORDER IN THE BOARDROOM. BOARD MEMBERS ACKNOWLEDGED  
20 FIVE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE DEEMED WORTHY OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT ON  
21 THE SPECIAL OCCASION OF THE CELEBRATION, THE COMMEMORATION OF  
22 THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY ON THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON. THE FIRST  
23 DISTRICT WAS GUADALUPE JUAREZ, FOUNDER OF CASA CULTURAL.  
24 SECOND DISTRICT IT WAS THE REVEREND J.M. LAWSON, JR., PASTOR  
25 EMERITUS OF THE HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. THE THIRD



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1 DISTRICT, THE REVEREND IRA WOODBIN DICKERSON. IN THE FOURTH  
2 DISTRICT, JOHNNY SAVOY, C.E.O. FOR COLLEGE BOUND. AND IN THE  
3 FIFTH DISTRICT, IT WAS TECUMSEH SHACKLEFORTH WHO HAS  
4 DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF IN THE AREA OF MENTORSHIP IN THE  
5 PASADENA AREA AND BEYOND-- ALTADENA AREA AND BEYOND. AND SO TO  
6 SUPERVISORS YAROSLAVSKY, KNABE, ANTONOVICH AND MOLINA, WE WISH  
7 TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN  
8 THIS RATHER EXTRAORDINARY EVENT WHERE THERE WAS INNER CITY  
9 YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF LOS ANGELES AND THE CHORUS THAT REPRESENTED  
10 THE FULL ARRAY OF ETHNICITIES AND TRADITIONS FROM A RELIGIOUS  
11 PERSPECTIVE AND BEYOND, SOME 15 CHOIRS COMBINED THAT JOINED  
12 THE ORCHESTRA. AND IT WAS QUITE AN EVENT. SO WE THANK YOU FOR  
13 YOUR HONOREES AND YOUR PARTICIPATION. WE'LL TURN TO THE  
14 BUSINESS AT HAND. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A BRIEF VIDEO DISPLAY  
15 THAT I THINK YOU WILL FIND APPROPRIATE. IT WILL SAVE US QUITE  
16 A BIT IN TERMS OF PRESENTATIONS. AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO ASK  
17 THE FOLLOWING PERSONS TO COME AND BE HEARD IN THE FOLLOWING  
18 ORDER. REVEREND JAMES LAWSON, JR., MR. TOM SAENZ, VIRGINIA  
19 LEE, DR. RAPH SONENSHEIN, EUGENE LEE AND LOLA UNGER, RICK  
20 DAVIS. COME IN THAT ORDER AFTER THE PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.

21

22 **VIDEO (SINGING):** WE SHALL OVERCOME.

23

24 **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:** 100 YEARS LATER, THE NEGRO STILL  
25 IS NOT FREE. (SINGING) OVERCOME ONE DAY. WE SHALL OVERCOME ONE



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1 DAY. WE SHALL OVERCOME ONE DAY. YEAH, YEAH, YEAH. IF IN OUR  
2 HEARTS WE DO BELIEVE, LORD, WE SHALL OVERCOME, LORD, ONE DAY.  
3 WE SHALL ALL HAVE PEACE ONE DAY. WE SHALL ALL HAVE PEACE ONE  
4 DAY. WE SHALL ALL HAVE PEACE, LORD, LORD, ONE DAY. YEAH, YEAH,  
5 YEAH, YEAH YEAH.

6

7 **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:** WE HAVE COME TO OUR NATION'S  
8 CAPITAL TO CASH A CHECK. (SINGING) OH, WE SHALL ALL HAVE  
9 PEACE.

10

11 **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:** TO ONE DAY LIVE IN A NATION WHERE  
12 THEY WILL NOT BE JUDGED BY THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN BUT BY THE  
13 CONTENT OF THEIR CHARACTER. I HAVE A DREAM TODAY. (SINGING) WE  
14 SHALL BE FREE ONE DAY, LORD. WE SHALL ALL BE FREE ONE DAY,  
15 LORD. WE SHALL ALL BE FREE, LORD, ONE DAY. LORD, LORD.

16

17 **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:** 1963 IS NOT AN END, BUT A  
18 BEGINNING. (SINGING) WE SHALL BE FREE.

19

20 **DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.:** FREE AT LAST, FREE AT LAST, THANK  
21 GOD ALMIGHTY WE ARE FREE AT LAST.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE  
24 NAMES HAVE BEEN CALLED OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HERE TO  
25 TESTIFY ON THE ITEM BEFORE US, ITEM 17. WE BEGIN WITH PASTOR



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1 LAWSON WHO JOINED US LAST EVENING. I CAN HARDLY RESIST THE  
2 TEMPTATION OF INTRODUCING HIM. THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE SEEN THIS  
3 NEW PRESENTATION BY LEE DANIELS KNOWN AS "THE BUTLER" MIGHT  
4 HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF A YOUNG TEACHER AND PRACTITIONER IN THAT  
5 MOVIE WHERE AT FISK UNIVERSITY IN THE LATE '50S AND EARLY '60S  
6 TRAINING IN PREPARATION FOR MOVEMENTS FOR DESEGREGATION,  
7 VOTING RIGHTS AND THE RANGE OF ISSUES TOOK PLACE. AND THERE  
8 WAS A YOUNG TEACHER/PREACHER/PRACTITIONER IN THAT FILM. HIS  
9 HAIR WAS BLACK THEN. IT'S NO LONGER AS BLACK AS IT WAS THEN.  
10 BUT WE WELCOME THAT SAME PREACHER/TEACHER/PRACTITIONER WITH US  
11 TODAY. HE IS NO OTHER THAN MR. JAMES LAWSON, JR., SIR AND WE  
12 WELCOME YOU AND ASK FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

13

14 **REV. JAMES LAWSON, JR.:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, FOR MAKING  
15 THIS MOTION POSSIBLE ALONG WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA. I THINK  
16 THIS REPRESENTS A PART OF WHAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAS TO DO. I'M  
17 REMINDED OF THE FACT THAT BEFORE THE JULY 4, 1776 DECLARATION  
18 OF INDEPENDENCE, THE 13 COLONIES, THE PEOPLE IN THE 13  
19 COLONIES HAD ALREADY, ACCORDING TO JOHN ADAMS, DECLARED THEIR  
20 INDEPENDENCE AND THEIR UNIVERSALITY OF THE RIGHT OF EACH  
21 PERSON TO PARTICIPATE AND TO VOTE. SO I'M DELIGHTED TO BE HERE  
22 ON THIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WASHINGTON MARCH, WHICH BEGAN  
23 AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE BIRMINGHAM CAMPAIGN, WHICH WAS ALSO IN  
24 THAT YEAR, 1963, THE FIRST FIELD WORKERS THAT WE OF SOUTHERN  
25 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE AND S.N.C.C. PLACED IN SELMA,



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1 ALABAMA, AND IN GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI WITH MAJOR CAMPAIGNS  
2 FOR VOTER REGISTRATION AGAINST ALL THE ODDS THAT WERE PRESENT  
3 AT THAT TIME. AND I WOULD ADD THAT IT'S IN ONE WAY GOOD THAT  
4 HERE 50 YEARS LATER WE'RE STILL PUSHING FOR THE UNIVERSAL  
5 RIGHT OF ALL CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY TO VOTE. AND I THINK THE  
6 WAY THAT WILL HAPPEN MOST IS WHEN SUPERVISORS LIKE YOURSELVES  
7 AND IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES WHERE THIS SPREADS ACROSS THE COUNTRY  
8 AGITATING THAT RIGHT TO VOTE SHOULD BE A UNIVERSAL CONCERN AND  
9 SHOULD BE PROTECTED BY THE CONSTITUTION AND SHOULD BE  
10 PROTECTED BY ALL GOVERNMENTS. THE 1963 CAMPAIGNS ALL HELPED TO  
11 LEAD UP TO THE PRESENTATION THEN OF THE VOTER RIGHTS BILL OF  
12 1965, WHICH IN 1963 WAS NOT EVEN THOUGHT OF. BUT BECAUSE WE  
13 WERE A MOVEMENT AND NOT A SINGLE ENTERPRISE, IT CREATED AN  
14 ACCUMULATED EFFECT THAT HELPED TO CHANGE IN MANY WAYS THE  
15 CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE COUNTRY. THE BIRMINGHAM CAMPAIGN OF 1963  
16 WAS THE FOURTH MAJOR CAMPAIGN IN A ROW OF THE NONVIOLENT  
17 DIRECT ACTION THAT BECAME THE ENGINEER FOR FORGING CREATIVE  
18 DISSENT AND CREATIVE PROTEST, NOT JUST IN THE SOUTHEAST BUT  
19 ACROSS THE WHOLE COUNTRY. AND I WANT TO NOT ONLY SUPPORT THIS  
20 MOTION IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE TO SAY TO YOU, THOUGH, THAT AT  
21 THIS STAGE OF THE GAME IN THE UNITED STATES, WE SHOULD HAVE  
22 NATIONAL AND LOCAL LEADERSHIP WHO ARE TOTALLY COMMITTED TO THE  
23 UNIVERSAL RIGHT TO VOTE. THERE IS NO SUCH RIGHT IN OUR  
24 CONSTITUTION WHICH NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED. BUT MOST OF ALL,  
25 THIS BILL, THIS MOTION SUPPORTS CONGRESS, REPUBLICANS AND





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1 DEMOCRATS ALIKE, MOVING AS SWIFTLY AS THEY CAN TO SEE TO IT  
2 THAT THIS RIGHT IS NOT ABROGATED IN MANY, MANY PARTS OF OUR  
3 COUNTRY. MAYBE IT NEEDS TO BE EXPANDED SO IT INCLUDES  
4 PENNSYLVANIA AND OHIO IN ITS JURISDICTION AS WELL AS TEXAS AND  
5 TENNESSEE. PERHAPS THAT'S ONE OF THE WAYS IT MUST BE EXPANDED.  
6 BUT IN ANY CASE, TO HAVE A SENSIBILITY IN THIS COUNTRY OF OURS  
7 THAT ALL PEOPLE MUST HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE IS AN ESSENTIAL  
8 INGREDIENT IF WE ARE TO SEE OUR COUNTRY BECOME THE KIND OF  
9 DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY THAT HAS BEEN ITS LONG MARCH OF 400 YEARS  
10 OR SO. AND THEN THE FINAL THING I WANT TO JUST INSIST UPON IS  
11 THAT IN THIS MATTER, I THINK WE HAVE THE BEST DOCUMENTS IN THE  
12 WORLD AND THE BEST VALUES IN THE WORLD. THE DECLARATION OF  
13 INDEPENDENCE, THE PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION, BOTH OF WHICH  
14 SET UP BOTH THE VALUES, POLITICAL, THAT WE OUGHT TO BE  
15 OPERATING UNDER AND ALSO THE VISION OF WHAT WE AS A PEOPLE CAN  
16 BECOME AND MUST BECOME. WE ARE A DEMOCRACY, BUT WE HAVE NOT  
17 YET BECOME THE DEMOCRACY WE ARE CAPABLE OF BECOMING. AND NO  
18 MATTER WHAT PROGRESS WE HAVE SEEN-- AND I HAVE SEEN MUCH OF IT  
19 ACROSS THESE LAST 50 YEARS-- WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. AND  
20 THIS MOTION BEFORE YOU TODAY IS ONE OF THE ILLUSTRATIONS OF  
21 WHAT CAN BE DONE AT THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL BY OUR POLITICAL, OUR  
22 ELECTED OFFICIALS TO HELP MAKE ALL PARTIES AND ALL ELECTED  
23 OFFICIALS AND ALL APPOINTED OFFICIALS UNDERSTAND THAT THE  
24 RIGHT TO VOTE IS, IN FACT, A NONVIOLENT WAY THAT WE MUST HAVE



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1 AS A WAY OF OUR LIVING TOGETHER AND ACHIEVING THE POTENTIAL  
2 THAT IS OURS AS HUMAN BEINGS. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, PASTOR  
5 LAWSON. YOU'LL NOTE THAT IT WAS 1968 THAT PASTOR LAWSON WAS  
6 THE LEAD ORGANIZER FOR THE DEMONSTRATION FOR WORKERS IN  
7 MEMPHIS AND WAS DESIGNATED THEN BY DR. KING AS THE LEADING  
8 THEORIST AND STRATEGIST FOR NONVIOLENCE. WE THANK HIM FOR  
9 BEING HERE TODAY. TOM SAENZ IS THE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL  
10 COUNSEL OF M.A.L.D.E.F., WE HEAR FROM YOU NOW.

11

12 **THOMAS SAENZ:** GOOD MORNING. I AM THOMAS SAENZ, THE PRESIDENT  
13 AND GENERAL COUNSEL OF M.A.L.D.E.F., THE MEXICAN AMERICAN  
14 LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATIONAL FUND, AND NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS  
15 LEGAL ORGANIZATION, HEADQUARTERED HERE IN LOS ANGELES BUT  
16 ACTIVE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY TO PROMOTE OUR MISSION OF  
17 PRESERVING AND PRESERVING THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF ALL LATINOS  
18 LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES. ONE AREA OF PARTICULAR INTEREST  
19 AND ENDEAVOR THROUGHOUT M.A.L.D.E.F.'S HISTORY HAS BEEN THE  
20 AREA OF VOTING RIGHTS AND ELECTORAL EQUALITY. THAT'S WHY I'M  
21 PLEASED AND PROUD TO BE HERE THIS MORNING, TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT  
22 OF THIS MOTION WHICH WOULD ALIGN THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
23 SUPERVISORS WITH A BIPARTISAN AND GROWING NETWORK OF LEADERS  
24 ACROSS THE COUNTRY WHO RECOGNIZE THE NECESSITY IN THE  
25 AFTERMATH OF THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN SHELBY COUNTY



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1 VERSUS HOLDER TO ENACT SOME NEW COVERAGE FORMULA THAT WOULD  
2 AGAIN INVIGORATE THE VERY POWERFUL TOOL OF SECTION 5 IN THE  
3 VOTING RIGHTS ACT TO ENSURE EQUAL ACCESS FOR EVERYONE ACROSS  
4 THE COUNTRY TO THE VOTE. I NOTE THAT THE SHELBY COUNTY  
5 DECISION HAS A PARTICULAR IMPACT ON THE LATINO COMMUNITY.  
6 BECAUSE OF THE PREVIOUS COVERAGE OF THE STATES OF ARIZONA AND  
7 TEXAS, THE LATINO HAS BEEN PROTECTED FROM THE PRECLEARANCE  
8 MECHANISM FROM UNLAWFUL AND UNFAIR REDISTRICTING IN BOTH OF  
9 THOSE STATES AS WELL AS FROM AN EXPANSION OR RESTRICTION,  
10 RATHER, OF THE TEXAS VOTER I.D. PROVISION AS A RESULT OF THE  
11 FAILURE TO OBTAIN PRECLEARANCE AND INDEED VERY STRONG  
12 EVIDENCE, MUCH OF IT MARSHALED BY M.A.L.D.E.F., OF INTENTIONAL  
13 DISCRIMINATION WITH RESPECT TO REDISTRICTING AND VOTER I.D. IN  
14 TEXAS. IT'S APPROPRIATE TO THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS RISE IN SUPPORT OF A RE-ENACTMENT OF A COVERAGE OF  
16 FORMULA, IN PART BECAUSE THE COUNTY BOARD HAS BEEN SO CHANGED,  
17 SO SHAPED POSITIVELY BY THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT BEGINNING TO  
18 SOME TWO DECADES AGO WITH THE SUCCESSFUL LITIGATION IN GARZA  
19 VERSUS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, IN WHICH M.A.L.D.E.F.  
20 PARTICIPATED, THIS BOARD'S COMPOSITION HAS CHANGED IN MY VIEW  
21 FOR THE BETTER AND HELPED TO ENSURE THE REPRESENTATION OF THE  
22 ENTIRETY OF THE COUNTY IN ITS GREAT DIVERSITY. LESS KNOWN  
23 ABOUT THAT CASE IS THAT AS A RESULT OF THE GARZA DECISION, BY  
24 COURT ORDER THIS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WAS SUBJECT TO  
25 PRECLEARANCE, LIKE THOSE COVERAGE RESTRICTIONS UNDER SECTION 4



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1 FOR A DECADE, FOR 10 YEARS. THEREFORE THIS COUNTY SPEAKS WITH  
2 AUTHORITY ABOUT THE FACT THAT PRECLEARANCE IS NOT  
3 ADMINISTRATIVELY BURDENSOME BUT IN FACT CAN HAVE VERY POSITIVE  
4 EFFECTS IN HELPING JURISDICTIONS TO SHAPE THEIR LOSS IN A WAY  
5 THAT IS FAIR TO EVERYONE AND ENSURES AN EQUAL ACCESS TO THE  
6 VOTE. THEREFORE I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT WITH THIS HISTORY  
7 THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UNANIMOUSLY ADOPT THIS  
8 MOTION. AND I AM PROUD AGAIN TO URGE YOU TO TAKE THAT ACTION  
9 TODAY, APPROPRIATELY ON THE EVE OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY, THE  
10 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON IN SUPPORT OF  
11 REINVIGORATING PERHAPS THE MOST POWERFUL TOOL IN CIVIL RIGHTS  
12 LEGISLATION, SECTION 5 OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
15 TESTIMONY. WE WILL NOW TURN TO OUR NEXT SPEAKER. AND WE'LL  
16 HEAR FROM VIRGINIA LEE.

17

18 **VIRGINIA LEE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS  
19 VIRGINIA LEE AND I'M REPRESENTING ADVANCEMENT PROJECT. WE'RE A  
20 NONPROFIT CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION BOTH IN CALIFORNIA AND  
21 WASHINGTON, D.C. WE ARE HONORED TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY TO THE  
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING THIS CRITICAL CIVIL RIGHTS  
23 ISSUE. IN LIGHT OF THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN SHELBY  
24 COUNTY VERSUS HOLDER AND THE NATIONAL CLIMATE AROUND VOTING  
25 RIGHTS, WE MUST CALL UPON CONGRESS TO STRENGTHEN THE FEDERAL



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1 VOTING RIGHTS ACT, AN ACT THAT CONTINUES TO BE ONE OF THE MOST  
2 CRUCIAL TOOLS IN THE ONGOING FIGHT FOR EQUALITY. OUR VOTING  
3 RIGHTS ARE STILL BEING THREATENED. FROM JANUARY 2011 TO  
4 OCTOBER 2012. AT LEAST 180 RESTRICTIVE VOTING BILLS WERE  
5 INTRODUCED IN 41 STATES. AND THIS INCLUDES RESTRICTIVE PHOTO  
6 I.D. LAWS PROPOSED IN 38 STATES. AND MANY STATES ARE TRYING TO  
7 TAKE MEASURES TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE EARLY VOTING PERIODS  
8 WHICH ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTING THE EXERCISE OF  
9 FRANCHISE BY MINORITIES, ESPECIALLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN VOTERS.  
10 APOLOGISTS FOR THE MOST RECENT WAVE OF RESTRICTING VOTING  
11 MEASURES OFTEN MAKE CLAIMS OF WIDESPREAD VOTER FRAUD AND THE  
12 NEED TO PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF THE FRANCHISE. BUT WE ALSO  
13 KNOW THAT NUMEROUS INDEPENDENT AUDITS AND EXAMINATIONS HAVE  
14 REVEALED THAT CLAIMS BE INCREDIBLY EXAGGERATED IF NOT OUTRIGHT  
15 FICTIONALLY CREATED AS A PRETEXTUAL JUSTIFICATION FOR  
16 STRIPPING SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES OF THEIR  
17 CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO VOTE. JUST QUICKLY WANT TO SHARE A  
18 STORY IN OHIO DURING THE 2012 ELECTION, ADVANCEMENT PROJECT  
19 WITH THE LAWYERS COMMITTEE AND OTHER GROUPS FOUGHT FOR THE  
20 REMOVAL OF BILLBOARDS THAT WERE INTIMIDATING AND STIGMATIZING  
21 AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES. SO THESE BILLBOARDS WERE PLACED  
22 IN NEIGHBORHOODS LESS THAN A MONTH BEFORE THE ELECTION. AND  
23 THESE CLEAR CHANNEL BILLBOARDS WERE SAYING VOTER FRAUD IS A  
24 FELONY. SO THEY'RE BASICALLY TRYING TO INTIMIDATE AFRICAN-  
25 AMERICAN VOTERS FROM VOTING. SO ACCORDING TO THE HUFFINGTON



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1 POST, JUST TO KIND OF SHOW A CONTRAST, IS THE VOTING AGE  
2 POPULATIONS IN OHIO NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE THESE SIGNS WERE  
3 PLACED WERE 96 PERCENT AFRICAN-AMERICAN, 88 PERCENT AFRICAN-  
4 AMERICAN AND 76 PERCENT AFRICAN-AMERICAN. BUT IN CONTRAST, IF  
5 YOU LOOK AT THE CLEAR CHANNEL BILLBOARDS IN HARRISON COUNTY,  
6 TEXAS, THE MESSAGES WERE "VOTE EARLY." IF YOU LOOK AT THE  
7 POPULATION OF HARRIS COUNTY, IT WAS 57 PERCENT WHITE. SO THERE  
8 IS A DISCREPANCY THERE. WE ALSO JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THE  
9 DANGERS OF I.D. LAWS. VOTER I.D. LAWS REQUIRE VOTERS TO  
10 PRODUCE A CURRENT GOVERNMENT ISSUED I.D. IN ORDER TO EXERCISE  
11 THE RIGHT TO VOTE HAVE AND BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL BUREAUCRATIC  
12 DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING AN ACCEPTABLE FORM OF I.D., THIS  
13 DISPROPORTIONATELY SUPPRESSES THE FRANCHISES OF MINORITY AND  
14 LOW INCOME VOTERS AS WELL AS STUDENTS, SENIOR CITIZENS AND  
15 THOSE WITH DISABILITIES. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
18 WE'LL NOW TURN TO DR. RAPH SONENSHEIN, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
19 OF THE PAT BROWN INSTITUTE.

20

21 **RAPHAEL SONENSHEIN:** THANK YOU. MR. CHAIR AND HONORABLE MEMBERS  
22 OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I SPEAK TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE  
23 MOTION TO PLACE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON RECORD,  
24 SUPPORTING THE IMMEDIATE PASSAGE OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO  
25 UPDATE AND RESTORE SECTION 4 OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT. I'M THE





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1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NONPARTISAN PAT BROWN INSTITUTE OF  
2 PUBLIC AFFAIRS AT CAL STATE L.A. I FEEL CONFIDENT IF GOVERNOR  
3 BROWN WERE WITH US TODAY, HE WOULD JOIN ME IN RECOMMENDING  
4 THIS IMPORTANT ACTION. HE WAS A PASSIONATE BELIEVER IN A  
5 DEMOCRACY THAT WAS INCLUSIVE AND THAT OFFERED OPPORTUNITIES  
6 FOR THE WIDEST PARTICIPATION AMONG PEOPLE OF REPUBLICAN  
7 PERSUASION, DEMOCRATIC PERSUASION, INDEPENDENTS, OF THE  
8 ELDERLY AND THE YOUNG AND OF ALL THE GROUPS OF OUR SOCIETY.  
9 WE'RE FORTUNATE TO LIVE IN A STATE IN WHICH NEW IDEAS FOR  
10 EXPANDING VOTER PARTICIPATION ARE BEING DISCUSSED EVERY DAY.  
11 WHILE WE MAY DISAGREE OVER THE BEST WAY TO ENSURE THAT EACH  
12 ELIGIBLE VOTER GETS A CHANCE TO VOTE, WE DID NOT HAVE TO WORRY  
13 ABOUT KEEPING LEGITIMATE VOTERS FROM CASTING THEIR BALLOTS.  
14 TRAGICALLY THIS IS NOT THE CASE FOR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF  
15 VOTERS IN STATES, MOSTLY IN THE SOUTH AND IN THE MIDWEST, WHO  
16 ARE SUFFERING THE EFFECTS OF NEW LAWS THAT WILL MAKE IT  
17 EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, FOR THEM TO VOTE, LAWS  
18 IMPOSED BY STATE GOVERNMENTS THAT PLAINLY INTEND TO KEEP THEM  
19 FROM VOTING. THESE AMERICANS ARE FINDING NOT ONLY THAT THEY  
20 ARE OUTVOTED IN ELECTIONS BUT THAT WHEN THE CANDIDATES THEY  
21 SUPPORT ARE DEFEATED, THEIR OWN ABILITY TO VOTE IN THE FUTURE  
22 MAY BE GONE, AS WELL. WHILE IT IS FINE TO FIGHT HARD TO WIN IN  
23 POLITICS, NO ONE SHOULD EVER USE VOTER SUPPRESSION AS AN  
24 ORDINARY TOOL OF POLITICS. WHY SHOULD WE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
25 CARE ABOUT EVENTS TAKING PLACE FAR FROM OUR BORDERS? FIRST,



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1 THOSE WHO LIVE IN STATES WHERE THE RIGHT TO VOTE IS SAFE  
2 CANNOT TURN AWAY FROM OUR FELLOW AMERICANS WHERE THE RIGHT TO  
3 VOTE IS IMPERILED ANY MORE THAN FIREFIGHTERS FROM NEIGHBORING  
4 STATES WHICH FAIL TO COME TO OUR AID IN THE CURRENT WILDFIRES.  
5 AS PRESIDENT FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT NOTED, "SUPPOSE MY NEIGHBOR'S  
6 HOME CATCHES FIRE AND I HAVE A LENGTH OF GARDEN HOSE. IF HE  
7 CAN TAKE MY GARDEN HOSE AND CONNECT IT UP WITH HIS HYDRANT, I  
8 MAY HELP HIM PUT OUT HIS FIRE." THE MEASURE BEFORE YOU TODAY  
9 IS THAT KIND OF GARDEN HOSE. SECOND, OUR OWN CALIFORNIA  
10 REPRESENTATIVES MAY PLAY A CRITICAL ROLE IN PUTTING OUT THE  
11 FIRE WITH THEIR VOTES FOR THE REVISION OF SECTION 4 OF THE  
12 VOTING RIGHTS ACT. WHILE MANY HAVE ASSUMED THAT CONGRESS WILL  
13 NEVER FIX THE PROBLEM THAT THE COURT THOUGHT IT HAD FOUND, I  
14 AM NOT SO SURE. IF THOSE WHO REPRESENT CALIFORNIA MAKE CLEAR  
15 THAT THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT, ADMIRERD AND SUPPORTED BY BOTH  
16 PARTIES MUST BE MADE WHOLE, THIS WILL SEND A MESSAGE THAT WILL  
17 RESOUND ACROSS THE NATION. IF WE AGREE THAT WE CARE ABOUT THE  
18 RIGHTS OF AMERICANS FAR AWAY FROM OUR OWN STATE AND THAT WE  
19 CAN ACTUALLY DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, THEN WE MUST DO EVERYTHING  
20 WITHIN OUR POWER TO LEVERAGE THE MORAL AUTHORITY THAT THIS  
21 BODY, REPRESENTING THE LARGEST COUNTY BY POPULATION IN THE  
22 NATION, CAN MUSTER. THANK YOU.

23



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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
2    WE NOW TURN TO EUGENE LEE FROM THE ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING  
3    JUSTICE PROJECT. SIR?

4  
5    **EUGENE LEE:** HONORABLE CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS EUGENE  
6    LEE AND I AM THE VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT DIRECTOR AT ASIAN  
7    RIGHTS LOS ANGELES, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE ASIAN PACIFIC  
8    AMERICAN LEGAL CENTER. ADVANCING JUSTICE IS PLEASED TO SUPPORT  
9    THIS MOTION. THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT IS A CRITICAL PROTECTION  
10   AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN VOTING AND IT IS IMPERATIVE  
11   THAT CONGRESS ACTS TO RESTORE ITS VITALITY. ONE OF THE BASES  
12   FOR OUR WORK AT ADVANCING JUSTICE IS THE RECOGNITION THAT THE  
13   STRUGGLES OF UNDERSERVED AND UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES ARE  
14   CONNECTED. THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT THAT LED TO THE PASSAGE  
15   OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT IS AN IMPORTANT EXAMPLE OF THIS. THE  
16   MOVEMENT TO WIN RACIAL EQUALITY FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS INSPIRED  
17   A BROAD RANGE OF OTHER MOVEMENTS. IT OPENED THE DOORS TO OTHER  
18   MILESTONES, SUCH AS THE MID 1960S DISMANTLING OF IMMIGRATION  
19   QUOTAS, WHICH MADE POSSIBLE THE TREMENDOUS GROWTH THAT ASIAN-  
20   AMERICAN COMMUNITIES HAVE SEEN SINCE THEN. ASIAN AMERICANS  
21   LIKE OTHER COMMUNITIES OF COLOR HAVE FACED AND CONTINUE TO  
22   FACE BARRIERS TO THE FRANCHISE, INCLUDING RACIAL  
23   DISCRIMINATION IN VOTING. FROM A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE, IT'S  
24   NOTEWORTHY THAT UNTIL THE 1950S, FOREIGN-BORN ASIAN AMERICANS  
25   WERE OUTRIGHT DENIED THE RIGHT TO VOTE BECAUSE OF RESTRICTIONS



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1 ON THEIR ABILITY TO NATURALIZE AS U.S. CITIZENS. TODAY ASIAN  
2 AMERICANS ARE AN INCREASINGLY SIGNIFICANT POPULATION OF  
3 VOTERS. NEARLY 4 MILLION ASIAN AMERICANS NATIONWIDE VOTED IN  
4 THE 2012 ELECTION REPRESENTING A 91 PERCENT INCREASE FROM  
5 2000. LIKE OTHER COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, ASIAN AMERICANS  
6 CONTINUE TO DEPEND ON THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT FOR PROTECTION OF  
7 THEIR FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT TO VOTE. A KEY EXAMPLE OF THIS  
8 OCCURRED IN THE REDRAWING OF STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS  
9 FOLLOWING THE 2010 CENSUS. SINCE 2004, THE ASIAN-AMERICAN  
10 COMMUNITY AND STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 149 HAVE VOTED IN COALITION  
11 WITH LATINO AND AFRICAN-AMERICAN VOTERS TO ELECT AN ASIAN  
12 AMERICAN AS A REPRESENTATIVE AND THEIR CANDIDATE OF CHOICE.  
13 NOTABLY, TEXAS IS HOME TO THE THIRD LARGEST ASIAN COMMUNITY IN  
14 THE UNITED STATES FOLLOWING CALIFORNIA AND NEW YORK AND THE  
15 STATE HAD SEEN ITS ASIAN POPULATION GROW 72 PERCENT BETWEEN  
16 2000 AND 2010. COMMUNITIES OF COLOR MADE UP 62 PERCENT OF THE  
17 ELIGIBLE VOTING POPULATION IN DISTRICT 149. DESPITE THESE  
18 CONSIDERATIONS, THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE PASSED THE PLAN FOR THE  
19 STATE HOUSE THAT DISMANTLED DISTRICT 149. HOWEVER,  
20 ILLUSTRATING THE POTENCY OF THE SECTION 5 SAFEGUARD, THE  
21 D.O.J. ULTIMATELY DENIED PRECLEARANCE TO THE LEGISLATURE'S  
22 PLAN. NOW, THAT SAFEGUARD IS GONE. BUT IT IS STILL CRITICALLY  
23 NECESSARY. I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PASS THIS MOTION  
24 SIGNALING LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPPORT OF VOTING RIGHTS FOR ALL  
25 COMMUNITIES.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
3 REPRESENTING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS HERE IN LOS ANGELES  
4 COUNTY, WE INVITE TO SPEAK NOW LOLA UNGER.

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6 **LOLA UNGER:** YES, THANK YOU, HONORABLE SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-  
7 THOMAS AND OTHER SUPERVISORS. I AM THE PAST PRESIDENT AND  
8 CURRENT VICE PRESIDENT ADVOCATE FOR THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
9 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE NOW 12 LOCAL LEAGUES, THE  
10 ANTELOPE VALLEY BEING THE NEWEST ONE, OF THIS GRASSROOTS  
11 ORGANIZATION. AND ALSO WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN  
12 VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA AND THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE  
13 UNITED STATES. I COME BEFORE YOU TODAY TO STRONGLY SUPPORT THE  
14 MOTION OF SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MOLINA TO SUPPORT  
15 IMMEDIATE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO UPDATE SECTION 4 OF THE  
16 VOTING RIGHTS ACT. 93 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK, IN 1920, FOLLOWING  
17 OVER SEVEN DECADES OF TIRELESS ADVOCACY, THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN  
18 VOTERS WAS FOUNDED AND THE 19TH AMENDMENT BECAME LAW WHEN  
19 WOMEN GOT THE RIGHT TO VOTE. YET SOME WOMEN AND EVEN SOME MEN  
20 WHO WERE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND DID NOT ACHIEVE THAT RIGHT IN  
21 PARTS OF OUR COUNTRY WHERE THERE WERE VARIOUS IMPEDIMENTS. IN  
22 THE CENTURY AFTER THE CIVIL WAR, AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN THE  
23 SOUTH FACED OVERWHELMING OBSTACLES TO VOTING. DESPITE THE 15TH  
24 AND 19TH AMENDMENTS TO THE U.S. CONSTITUTION, WHICH HAD  
25 ENFRANCHISED BLACK MEN AND THEN WOMEN, SOUTHERN VOTER



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1 REGISTRATION BOARDS USED POLL TAXES, LITERACY TESTS AND OTHER  
2 BUREAUCRATIC OBSTACLES TO DENY AFRICAN-AMERICANS THEIR LEGAL  
3 RIGHTS. TOMORROW, ANOTHER IMPORTANT ANNIVERSARY OCCURS: THE  
4 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON AND DR. MARTIN  
5 LUTHER KING, JR.'S "I HAVE A DREAM" SPEECH WHICH LATER HELPED  
6 SPARK CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT IN 1965.  
7 THEN THIS PAST JUNE, THE U.S. SUPREME COURT IN THE SHELBY  
8 DECISION ERASED FUNDAMENTAL PROTECTIONS IN THE VOTING RIGHTS  
9 ACT AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN VOTING THAT HAVE BEEN  
10 CRITICAL TO PROTECTING OUR DEMOCRACY. AND NOW, AS WE ATTEMPT  
11 TO CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S PROGRESS TOWARDS EQUALITY, VOTING  
12 RIGHTS HAVE ONCE AGAIN COME UNDER ATTACK ACROSS THE COUNTRY.  
13 48 YEARS AFTER THE HISTORIC CIVIL RIGHTS LEGISLATION WAS  
14 SIGNED BY LYNDON JOHNSON IN 1965, WE ARE REMINDED OF WHAT  
15 CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT, THE FOUNDER OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
16 PROCLAIMED UPON PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT IN 1920, SHE  
17 SAID "PROGRESS IS CALLING YOU TO MAKE NO PAUSE: ACT." THESE  
18 WORDS CONTINUE TO RING TRUE TODAY AS WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO  
19 FIGHTING BACK AGAINST THE ATTACK ON VOTING RIGHTS. THE DAMAGE  
20 TO THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT CAN AND MUST BE FIXED. THE LEAGUE OF  
21 WOMEN VOTERS HAS ALWAYS BEEN COMMITTED TO REGISTERING,  
22 EDUCATING AND TURNING OUT VOTERS: WOMEN AND MEN. AND WE'RE NOT  
23 STOPPING NOW. HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, PLEASE HELP US IN THIS  
24 EFFORT TO MAKE DEMOCRACY WORK AND APPROVE THIS MOTION.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

2    WE NOW TURN TO RICK DAVIS, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, LAMBDA LEGAL.

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4    **CEDRIC DAVIS:** THANK YOU, MY NAME IS CEDRIC DAVIS. I'M THE  
5    WESTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR LAMBDA LEGAL. LAMBDA LEGAL  
6    DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND IS PROUD TO STAND IN SUPPORT OF  
7    THIS MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD. THIS YEAR WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR  
8    40TH ANNIVERSARY. LAMBDA LEGAL IS A NATIONAL ORGANIZATION  
9    COMMITTED TO ACHIEVING FULL RECOGNITION OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF  
10    LESBIANS, GAY MEN, BISEXUALS, TRANSGENDERED PEOPLE, AND THOSE  
11    WITH H.I.V. THROUGH IMPACT LITIGATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC  
12    POLICY WORK. THE DECISION IN SHELBY COUNTY VERSUS HOLDER  
13    STRIKING DOWN SECTION 4 OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT, WHICH  
14    REQUIRED THAT CERTAIN STATES AND LOCALITIES WITH HISTORIES OF  
15    RACIAL DISENFRANCHISEMENT MUST OBTAIN FEDERAL PRECLEARANCE  
16    BEFORE CHANGING THEIR VOTING RULES AND PROCEDURES IS ONE ABOUT  
17    WHICH THE L.G.B.T. COMMUNITY SHOULD HAVE GRAVE CONCERNS FOR  
18    NUMEROUS REASONS. AS THIS PAST PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION MADE  
19    CLEAR, EFFORTS TO DENY THE INDIVIDUALS THE RIGHT TO VOTE ARE  
20    BY NO MEANS A RELIC OF THE PAST. AN EFFECTIVE FEDERAL  
21    OVERSIGHT REMAINS AS NECESSARY AS EVER TO GUARANTEE THAT THE  
22    FUNDAMENTAL VOTING RIGHT IS PRESERVED. EVEN IF THIS DECISION  
23    ONLY IMPACTED L.G.B.T. PEOPLE OF COLOR, THERE WOULD BE REASONS  
24    TO BE QUITE CONCERNED, BUT THE IMPACT OF THIS DECISION GOES  
25    CONSIDERABLY FURTHER. MANY RECENT EFFORTS TO PLACE HURDLES ON



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1 VOTING HAVE REQUIRED IDENTIFICATION, WHICH THAT COULD DISCLOSE  
2 WHO IS TRANSGENDER IN JURISDICTIONS WHERE IT REMAINS DIFFICULT  
3 TO HAVE CORRECT IDENTITY DOCUMENTS. ONE LOOK AT THE STATES IN  
4 WHICH PRECLEARANCE WAS REQUIRED, ALABAMA, ALASKA, ARIZONA,  
5 GEORGIA, LOUISIANA, MICHIGAN, TEXAS, SOUTH CAROLINA AND  
6 VIRGINIA REVEALS THAT THESE ARE AMONG THE STATES WHERE  
7 L.G.B.T. PEOPLE PROVIDED THE FEWEST LEGAL PROTECTIONS AND ARE  
8 SUBJECTED TO THE MOST DRACONIAN ANTI-L.G.B.T. LAWS. PEOPLE OF  
9 COLOR INCREASINGLY ARE BECOMING THE MOST SUPPORTIVE OF L.G.B.T  
10 RIGHTS, AND RULES AND PRACTICES THAT DENY THEM THE RIGHT TO  
11 VOTE THEREFORE MAKE IT LESS LIKELY TO THE LAWS TREATING PEOPLE  
12 FAIRLY BASED ON THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY  
13 WILL BE ADOPTED, AND THAT ANTI-L.G.B.T. LAWS WILL BE REPEALED.  
14 LIKEWISE, BOTH PEOPLE OF COLOR AND GAY MEN, PARTICULARLY GAY  
15 MEN OF COLOR, ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY LIKELY TO BE INFECTED  
16 WITH H.I.V. SO WHEN PEOPLE OF COLOR ARE DENIED THE RIGHT TO  
17 VOTE, SOUND H.I.V. POLICIES ARE LESS LIKELY TO BE ADOPTED. FOR  
18 THESE, AMONG OTHER REASONS, WE ARE DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE  
19 COURT'S DECISION IN SHELBY COUNTY. UNCONSTITUTIONAL EFFORTS TO  
20 SUPPRESS VOTING ON RACIAL GROUNDS SADLY REMAIN FAR TOO  
21 PREVALENT IN THIS COUNTRY. EFFECTIVE FEDERAL OVERSIGHT REMAINS  
22 AS NECESSARY AS EVER TO GUARANTEE THAT THE RIGHT TO VOTE IS  
23 PRESERVED, INCLUDING THE PUSH FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY. WE AT  
24 LAMBDA LEGAL ARE ALL TOO FAMILIAR WITH THE IMPACT OF BEING  
25 DENIED FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND THE RIGHT TO VOTE IS ONE OF THE



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1 COUNTRY'S MOST FUNDAMENTAL. WE JOIN WITH ALL OF THE PREVIOUS  
2 SPEAKERS AND WITH THE ARC OF THE BROADER CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT  
3 AND ENCOURAGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY TO URGE CONGRESS  
4 TO IMMEDIATELY TAKE STEPS TO RECTIFY THIS RULING. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
7 THE FINAL TWO SPEAKERS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ARE ARNOLD SACHS  
8 AND GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. IF YOU WOULD COME QUICKLY, PLEASE? IT  
9 IS MY UNDERSTANDING YOU WISH TO BE HEARD ON ITEM NO. 17,  
10 CORRECT? SO PLEASE COME FORWARD. LET'S GO, MAN.

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12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. THE  
13 CITED ITEMS WERE SUPREME COURT RULINGS, SO I'M WONDERING WHAT  
14 ABOUT THE SUPREME COURT RULING AND ITS DESIGNATION OF  
15 CORPORATIONS AND ITS ALLOWANCE TO BE CHANGING CORPORATION  
16 STATUS AS FAR AS ELECTIONS BE ADJUDICATED AS EQUAL AS  
17 INDIVIDUALS? AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT HAVING THE  
18 RIGHT TO VOTE DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN YOUR VOICE WILL BE  
19 HEARD. WHAT'S THE STORY WITH COUNTY REDISTRICTING AS FAR AS  
20 HAVING A RIGHT TO VOTE? WE NEVER REALLY-- YOU HAD THAT ITEM A  
21 YEAR, YEAR AND A HALF AGO BUT NEVER REALLY RESOLVED THAT ISSUE  
22 WHERE THE REDISTRICTING DID NOT NECESSARILY FOCUS ON THE  
23 REPRESENTATION OF THE POPULATION AS A WHOLE. SOMEBODY  
24 MENTIONED, THE SPEAKER FROM THE PAT BROWN INSTITUTE, MENTIONED  
25 THAT GOVERNOR BROWN, THE FIRST, WANTED PUBLIC PARTICIPATION,



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1 AND PEOPLE SHOULD BE-- THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE INCLUSIVE IN  
2 GOVERNMENT. AND YET EVEN HERE TODAY YOU SEE HOW YOU'RE NICKEL  
3 AND DIMED AWAY FROM BEING ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
4 ACTIVITIES OF GOVERNMENT. YOUR TIME IS CUT TO SPEAK ON ITEMS.  
5 THIS BEING A RARE EXCEPTION. AND WHY IS THAT SO? LEGITIMATE  
6 COUNTY BUSINESS? LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT BUSINESS? YOU SHOULD  
7 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, AS I SAID, HAVING THE RIGHT TO VOTE  
8 DOESN'T NECESSARILY MEAN THAT YOUR VOICE WILL BE HEARD. BUT  
9 YOU SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY, AS LONG AS IT'S A LEGITIMATE  
10 REASON, TO BE HEARD WHEN YOUR GOVERNMENT IS IN SESSION. YOU  
11 SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD FOR MORE THAN TWO OR  
12 THREE MINUTES, ESPECIALLY WHEN ITEMS THAT COME BEFORE THE  
13 GOVERNMENT HAVE DIRECT INPUT, IMPRINT, FOOTPRINT ON LIVES THAT  
14 ARE LED DAILY. ONE OF THE SPEAKERS MENTIONED A POLICY IN TEXAS  
15 ABOUT VOTING EARLY. I BELIEVE THERE USED TO BE A POLICY IN  
16 CHICAGO ABOUT VOTING EARLY AND VOTING OFTEN. I'D LIKE TO  
17 MENTION ALSO ABOUT CERTAIN COMMUNITIES IN THE COUNTY OF L.A.  
18 THAT HAVE AT-LARGE ELECTIONS, WHICH ALSO DIMINISH THE  
19 OPPORTUNITY TO BE REPRESENTED IN A PROPER MANNER BECAUSE  
20 DISTRICTS ARE GERRYMANDERED SO THAT PEOPLE, EVEN THOUGH THEY  
21 HAVE A LARGER PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION, DON'T HAVE THE  
22 OPPORTUNITY FOR REPRESENTATION BECAUSE IT'S AN AT GENERAL, AT  
23 LARGE ELECTION. SO BEFORE YOU GO TALKING ABOUT WASHINGTON,  
24 CLEAN YOUR OWN LAUNDRY.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FINAL  
2    SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4    **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
5    DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. MORE THAN ANYONE, I APPRECIATE THE  
6    RIGHT TO VOTE. I BECAME A CITIZEN IN 2002, AND I HAVE VOTED  
7    EVERY TIME I COULD VOTE. AND FOR ME, THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT  
8    PART OF CITIZENSHIP. THE THING THAT BOTHERS ME IS THE  
9    HYPOCRISY. YOU ARE HERE TRYING TO TELL US THAT TO HAVE  
10   IDENTIFICATION AND SO ON SHOULD NOT BE NEEDED TO VOTE. BUT BY  
11   THE SAME TOKEN, IN ANY COUNTY WHEN WE WANT TO GO TO THE EIGHTH  
12   FLOOR TO SEE OUR SUPERVISOR, ANY ONE OF YOU, WE MUST PRESENT  
13   AN IDENTIFICATION OR WE CANNOT GO IN. THOSE IS BEYOND VOTES.  
14   SO WHY DO YOU ADVOCATE FOR THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMITMENT IN A  
15   HUMAN LIFE TO VOTE, NOT TO HAVE ANY IDENTIFICATION. BUT BY THE  
16   SAME TOKEN YOU ARE REFUSED A CITIZEN, YOUR CONSTITUENT, TO  
17   ENTER THE EIGHTH FLOOR. AND EIGHTH FLOOR, FOR WHOM WE PAY AS  
18   CONSTITUENTS. YOU CANNOT GO TO CITY HALL WITHOUT SHOWING AN  
19   I.D. CARD. SO YES, VOTING IS QUITE IMPORTANT, BUT WHAT YOU ARE  
20   DOING NOW IS VERY HYPOCRITICAL, AND THAT'S REALLY, REALLY  
21   CONCERNING. SO EITHER YOU PUSH FOR NO IDENTIFICATION  
22   WHATSOEVER AND YOU OBEY YOUR OWN RULE AND FROM NOW ON WE CAN  
23   GO TO THE EIGHTH FLOOR WITHOUT SHOWING AN IDENTIFICATION OR  
24   YOU DON'T VOTE ON THAT ISSUE HERE. BUT I THINK-- FIRST OF ALL,  
25   I THINK THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH DEMANDING THAT PEOPLE SHOW



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1 WHO THEY ARE WHEN THEY VOTE. SO THEY CANNOT VOTE MULTIPLE  
2 TIMES, WHICH WE KNOW, ALL OF US, THAT'S OCCURRED, AND REALLY  
3 MUCH IN L.A. COUNTY, ALSO. SO BE PROUD OF WHAT YOU ARE OR WHO  
4 YOU ARE AND IDENTIFY YOURSELVES. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE THANK YOU. THAT  
7 CLOSES THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THE ITEM THAT IS BEFORE  
8 US, ITEM NO. 17. MEMBERS, THE ITEMS IS BEFORE US. ARE THERE  
9 ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS? WE THANK THOSE WHO HAVE COME FORTH  
10 FOR TESTIMONY. ANY COMMENT, ANY DEBATE, ANY DISCUSSION BY ANY  
11 MEMBER OF THE BOARD AT THIS POINT? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS, THERE IS A LITTLE  
14 CONFUSION AS TO WHAT THE SUPREME COURT HAD DONE. LET ME FIRST  
15 POINT OUT THAT THE SUPREME COURT DID NOT OVERTURN THE VOTING  
16 RIGHTS ACT, DID NOT ALLOW THE GOVERNMENTS TO NOW PASS LAWS  
17 THAT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST CITIZENS BASED ON RACE, COLOR OR ANY  
18 OTHER PROTECTED CLASS. WHAT THEY DID DO IS RELATIVE TO STATES  
19 THAT THEY SAID IN THE PAST HAD HAD PROBLEMS. BUT ACCORDING TO  
20 THE VOTER REGISTRATION STATISTICS NOW, GEORGIA, MISSISSIPPI,  
21 NORTH CAROLINA AND ALABAMA NOW HAVE A LARGER AFRICAN-AMERICANS  
22 REGISTERED TO VOTE THAN WHITE AMERICANS. AND ACCORDING TO THE  
23 STATEMENT MADE BY THE CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS, MASSACHUSETTS HAS  
24 THE WORST RATIO OF WHITE VOTER TURNOUT TO AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
25 VOTER TURNOUT AND THE BEST STATE IN THE UNITED STATES THAT HAD





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1 THE BEST RECORD FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS VOTING VERSUS WHITE  
2 VOTES WAS MISSISSIPPI. SECTION 2 OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT  
3 REMAINS PERMANENT AND ALLOWS CHALLENGES TO ALL DISCRIMINATORY  
4 ELECTION LAWS ANYWHERE IN THE COUNTRY. SECTION 2 ALSO ALLOWS  
5 FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION SO THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
6 COULD STOP STATES FROM PASSING DISCRIMINATORY LAWS CLOSE TO AN  
7 ELECTION. SINCE THE YEAR 2000, THERE HAVE BEEN VOTER FRAUD  
8 CONVICTIONS IN 46 STATES IN THE UNITED STATES, 46 STATES HAVE  
9 HAD PROSECUTIONS FOR VOTER FRAUD. AND AS WAS STATED, YOU NEED  
10 TO HAVE PROOF OF IDENTITY TO OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT. YOU NEED TO  
11 HAVE PROOF OF IDENTITY TO FLY ON AN AIRPLANE. AND YOU NEED TO  
12 HAVE PROOF OF IDENTITY TO ENTER MANY GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.  
13 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE RIGHT TO VOTE IS PROTECTED. IT NEEDS  
14 TO BE PROTECTED, AND LAWS DO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO VOTE. BUT  
15 PROTECTION-- THE FRAUDULENT VOTING OUGHT NOT TO BE PART OF THE  
16 VOTING PROCESS. WE NEED TO HAVE FAIR ELECTIONS. AND HAVING  
17 IDENTIFICATION OF PEOPLE WHO DO REGISTER TO VOTE IS THE WAY TO  
18 ENSURE THAT WE DO HAVE FAIR ELECTIONS. THERE WAS ONE COUNTY  
19 WHERE THEY HAD SAME-DAY REGISTRATION. AND A PERSON LOST AN  
20 ELECTION BY 18 VOTES. AND I BELIEVE THERE WERE OVER 40 OF THE  
21 SAME-DAY REGISTERED VOTERS WHO HAVE NEVER PROVEN TO BE REAL  
22 REGISTERED VOTERS WHO WERE BASICALLY ABLE TO THROW THAT  
23 ELECTION. AND THAT'S ONE OF THE RECENT ONES. SO THERE ARE  
24 CASES WHERE THERE HAVE BEEN VOTER FRAUD. BUT AGAIN THE VOTING  
25 RIGHTS ACT DOES PROTECT THE RIGHT TO VOTE. WHAT IT DOES DO IS



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1 TO ENSURE THAT STATES DO HAVE THE ABILITY TO ENSURE THAT WE  
2 HAVE FAIR ELECTIONS, THAT WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE REGISTERED TO  
3 VOTE ARE ACTUALLY THOSE WHO ARE LEGALLY ABLE TO VOTE.  
4 [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR,  
7 FOR YOUR REMARKS. ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OR CONCERNS TO BE  
8 EXPRESSED? WE TAKE THE ISSUE OF THE FRANCHISE SERIOUSLY. WE DO  
9 NOT CONFUSE THE ISSUE OF RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES, NOR DO WE WISH  
10 TO HAVE ANY EFFORT TO TURN THE CLOCK BACK ON THOSE THINGS THAT  
11 ARE DEEMED TO BE FUNDAMENTAL, THOSE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN HARD  
12 FOUGHT, AND THOSE THINGS THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED SO MIGHTILY TO  
13 THE EXPANSION OF REPRESENTATION ACROSS THE LENGTH AND BREADTH  
14 OF THE NATION, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH WOULD BE THE STATE OF  
15 CALIFORNIA ITSELF. THE HALLMARK OF A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY IS  
16 EXCHANGE-- HEALTHY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. AND TO THE EXTENT THAT  
17 THAT IS THE CASE, WE ASSUME THAT THE DIALOGUE, THE DEBATE  
18 HONORS DIFFERING PERSPECTIVES, SUCH AS THE CASE THROUGHOUT OUR  
19 DELIBERATIVE PROCESS IS THE ESSENCE OF DEMOCRACY. WE WANT TO  
20 KEEP DEMOCRACY VIBRANT AND MAKE SURE ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO  
21 PARTICIPATE AND HAVE A RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE AND NOT BE DENIED  
22 THAT BY ANY STANDARD OF MEASURE OR JUDGMENT. THE MATTER IS  
23 BEFORE US. IF THERE IS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, WE SIMPLY WISH  
24 TO MOVE FORWARD. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MOVES. SUPERVISOR  
25 KNABE SECONDS. ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION TO BE ENTERTAINED AT



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1 THIS POINT IN TIME? [SILENCE.] MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER,  
2 PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

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8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? AYE.

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16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MOTION CARRIES.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE MOTION CARRIES.

19 WE APPRECIATE YOUR PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION TODAY. WE WILL

20 NOW MOVE TO THE NEXT ITEM BEFORE US, WHICH IS TO RETURN TO THE

21 PUBLIC HEARING TO RESUME THE ITEM THAT WE LEFT. WE THANK ALL

22 THOSE WHO CAME TO PARTICIPATE TODAY FOR TAKING THE TIME TO DO

23 SO. WITH RESPECT TO THE ITEM THAT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY

24 QUERIED ABOUT, DO WE HAVE CLARITY AT THIS POINT IN TIME SO WE

25 CAN MOVE FORWARD? WERE YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED SATISFACTORILY?



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE COUNTY COUNSEL CLARIFY  
3 ON THE RECORD.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE RECORD, ON ITEM NO. 2.

6

7 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
8 SUPERVISOR, YOU ASKED WHETHER OR NOT THIS FRANCHISE HAS UNIQUE  
9 INDEMNIFICATION INSURANCE AND SECURITY PROVISIONS, AND THE  
10 ANSWER TO THAT IS YES. THE OVERALL PROJECT INVOLVES THE  
11 FRANCHISE THAT IS GOING TO BE LOCATED TOTALLY WITHIN A  
12 DESIGNATED SUPERFUND SITE. AND IT IS UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF  
13 THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. THE FRANCHISE  
14 CONTAINS STANDARD INSURANCE AND PERFORMANCE SECURITY  
15 REQUIREMENTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO CONTAIN THOSE REQUIREMENTS  
16 UNTIL SUCH TIME AS MONTROSE CHEMICAL CORPORATION AND THE  
17 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ENTER INTO A CONSENT DECREE  
18 WHICH WILL BE APPROVED BY A FEDERAL COURT. AT THAT TIME, WE  
19 NEGOTIATED WITH THE E.P.A. TO INCLUDE LANGUAGE THAT REQUIRES  
20 THAT E.P.A. BE SATISFIED THAT THERE ARE SUFFICIENT PROTECTIONS  
21 IN PLACE TO REQUIRE THE FRANCHISEE TO REMEDIATE ANY SPILLS OR  
22 OTHER PROBLEMS WITH THE FRANCHISE EQUIPMENT AND TO REQUIRE A  
23 SUFFICIENT MONETARY GUARANTEE THAT E.P.A. IS SATISFIED THAT  
24 THERE ARE RESOURCES THERE TO COMPLETE THE WORK. WE WILL NOT BE  
25 A PARTY TO THE CONSENT DECREE, SO WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO



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1 DIRECTLY ENFORCE THE CONSENT DECREE; HOWEVER, WE ARE SATISFIED  
2 THAT E.P.A. HAS THE INCENTIVE TO ENSURE THAT THE SITE IS  
3 CLEANED UP; AFTER ALL, THAT'S THE WHOLE REASON E.P.A. IS  
4 THERE.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, SUPERVISOR  
7 YAROSLAVSKY?

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, HANG ON A SECOND.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M JUST READING FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS  
14 REPORT. THE E.P.A. HAS INDICATED THAT IT IS COMMITTED TO  
15 ENFORCING ALL TERMS OF THE CONSENT DECREE AND TO MAKING SURE  
16 THAT ANY SPILLS ARE REMEDIATED. IT HAS ALSO AGREED TO PROVIDE  
17 PERIODIC REPORTS TO THE COUNTY AND THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT  
18 ON THE STATUS OF THE CLEANUP PROCESS AND TO MEET AND CONFER  
19 WITH THE COUNTY IN THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT IN THE EVENT ANY  
20 ISSUE SHOULD ARISE. NEVERTHELESS THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT  
21 THE COUNTY AND THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT WILL BE SHIELDED  
22 FROM ALL COSTS AND LIABILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE FRANCHISING  
23 LEASE.

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25 **RICHARD WEISS:** THAT IS TRUE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID THE COUNTY ASK THEM TO PUT UP AN  
3 INSURANCE POLICY THAT WOULD COVER US ON THIS ONE POINT? DID  
4 THEY DECLINE?

5

6 **RICHARD WEISS:** THE FRANCHISE DOES HAVE AN ENVIRONMENTAL  
7 IMPAIRMENT LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENT. THAT WILL LAST  
8 UNTIL A CONSENT DECREE IS ENTERED INTO. WE ATTEMPTED TO ASK  
9 THE E.P.A. TO ALLOW US TO HAVE STATUS TO ENFORCE THE CONSENT  
10 DECREE OURSELVES. E.P.A. DECLINED TO DO THAT. SO WE WILL BE  
11 RELYING SOMEWHAT ON--

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID WE EVER ASK THE COMPANY?

14

15 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TO BUY THE ADDED INSURANCE THAT WOULD  
18 PROTECT US COMPLETELY FROM LIABILITY?

19

20 **RICHARD WEISS:** YES.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHAT DID THEY SAY? NO?

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24 **RICHARD WEISS:** THEY AGREED TO PROVIDE INSURANCE UP TO THE  
25 POINT THAT A CONSENT DECREE IS ENTERED INTO. WE DID ASK THAT





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1 THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENT REMAIN, BUT BOTH E.P.A. AND MONTROSE  
2 ARGUED TO US THAT REQUIRING THEM TO MAINTAIN TWO SEPARATE  
3 FINANCIAL GUARANTEES WOULD TAKE MONEY AWAY FROM THE  
4 REMEDIATION. E.P.A. AGAIN WILL HAVE AN AGREEMENT WHERE IT CAN  
5 CONTRACTUALLY REQUIRE MONTROSE TO NOT ONLY REMEDIATE THE SITE  
6 BUT TO ENSURE THAT ANY SPILLS FROM THEIR FRANCHISE FACILITIES,  
7 WHICH ARE ALL WITHIN THE ALREADY CONTAMINATED SITE, ARE  
8 REPAIRED IN THE EVENT THAT THERE'S ANY SPILLS. SO THERE ARE  
9 OBLIGATIONS DIRECTLY TO E.P.A. TO ENSURE THAT THE SITE IS  
10 REMEDIATED, INCLUDING ANY POTENTIAL FAILURES OF THEIR  
11 FRANCHISE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL I HEARD TWO DIFFERENT THINGS IN WHAT  
14 YOU JUST SAID. ONE IS THAT THE E.P.A. HAS THE ABILITY TO FORCE  
15 THEM TO MAKE US WHOLE. AND THE OTHER IS THEY WILL FORCE THEM  
16 TO MAKE US WHOLE. WHAT IS THE DOCUMENT THAT SAYS THAT THE  
17 E.P.A. WILL HOLD MONTROSE ACCOUNTABLE FOR ANY SPILLAGE THAT WE  
18 ARE SUED FOR?

19

20 **RICHARD WEISS:** THE CONSENT DECREE WILL REQUIRE THAT THEY WILL  
21 MEDIATE THE SITE. THERE IS NO SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT THAT IN THE  
22 CONSENT DECREE THAT MONTROSE HOLD THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT  
23 HARMLESS, TO MY KNOWLEDGE. HOWEVER, THE CONSENT DECREE WILL  
24 REQUIRE THAT THE SITE BE REMEDIATED. IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING  
25 THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF E.P.A. ARE HERE. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY



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1 ARE STILL HERE. BUT WE NEGOTIATED THE BEST ARRANGEMENT WE  
2 COULD GET. BUT GIVEN E.P.A. IS OPERATING FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE  
3 OF REMEDIATING THIS SITE, AND THAT THE CONSENT DECREE WILL BE  
4 SUBJECT TO FEDERAL COURT JURISDICTION, WE BELIEVE THAT IT  
5 PROVIDES SATISFACTORY PROTECTION TO THE COUNTY.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BUT YOU DID ASK THEM-- YOU DID ASK MONTROSE  
8 TO PAY FOR AN INSURANCE POLICY BEYOND THE TIME THE CONSENT  
9 DECREE WENT INTO EFFECT.

10

11 **RICHARD WEISS:** I BELIEVE WE DID.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO OBVIOUSLY-- THE ANSWER IS YES. SO  
14 OBVIOUSLY YOU FOLKS THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS SOME RISK, THAT WE  
15 WOULD BE BETTER PROTECTED IF WE HAD THAT INSURANCE POLICY. IF  
16 YOU THOUGHT THAT THE E.P.A. IS GOING TO HAVE COVER US, WHICH  
17 THEY ARE NOT PROMISING TO COVER US, FROM WHAT I SEE, THEN YOU  
18 WOULDN'T HAVE ASKED FOR THAT ADDITIONAL TIME TO BE COVERED.

19

20 **RICHARD WEISS:** THAT IS TRUE. IN A PERFECT WORLD AND IN MOST  
21 FRANCHISES, WE REQUIRE THAT THE FRANCHISEE MAINTAIN INSURANCE  
22 AND SECURITY THROUGH THE ENTIRE LIFE OF THE FRANCHISE. SO WE  
23 WOULD PREFER THAT THERE WOULD BE BELT AND SUSPENDERS. AND WE  
24 DID ARGUE FOR THAT, AND WE ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN THAT IN THE  
25 FIRST INSTANCE. THERE WAS RESISTANCE. AND BECAUSE OF THE FACT



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1 THAT IT IS A FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY THAT WILL  
2 BE MONITORING THAT, WE FELT, GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE RESOURCES  
3 FOR POTENTIALLY BETTER SERVE AND ACTUALLY REMEDIATING THE SITE  
4 THAN PROVIDING A SEPARATE AND SECOND DUPLICATE LAYER OF  
5 INSURANCE.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MUCH DOES THE INSURANCE COST, RICK?

8

9 **RICHARD WEISS:** THAT I DON'T KNOW. I UNDERSTAND SECURITY BONDS  
10 ARE EXPENSIVE. I DON'T KNOW THE COST OF THE INSURANCE.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT NEARLY AS EXPENSIVE AS REMEDIATING A  
13 TOXIC SITE, IS IT?

14

15 **RICHARD WEISS:** CORRECT. BUT THERE WILL BE NO POINT IN TIME  
16 WHERE THEY ARE NOT EITHER REQUIRED UNDER OUR FRANCHISE TO  
17 MAINTAIN INSURANCE OR UNDER A CONSENT DECREE.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CONSENT DECREE WHICH DOES NOT NECESSARILY  
20 PROTECT US. IS THE E.P.A. STILL HERE? WOULD YOU COME DOWN?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME JUST SAY THAT THE  
23 OBJECTIVE HERE IS TO-- PLEASE COME FORWARD-- IS TO ENGAGE IN A  
24 REMEDIATION OF THIS TOXIC SITE IN AN AREA BROADLY DEFINED AS  
25 WEST CARSON. SO I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT IT BE



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1 UNDERSTOOD THAT THAT IS THE THRUST OF OUR INTENTION. AND I  
2 DON'T THINK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S COMMENTS SHOULD BE  
3 CONSTRUED AS SEEKING TO HAVE US DO ANYTHING BUT WHAT WOULD BE  
4 IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CONSTITUENTS, ARGUABLY AT RISK,  
5 BUT I THINK THE THRUST IS RELATED TO PROTECTING THE COUNTY'S  
6 EXPOSURE, IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE DRIVING AT, SUPERVISOR?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. THAT'S WHAT THE PUBLIC WORKS REPORT  
9 SUGGESTS. I AM ONLY READING FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
10 REPORT. IT'S JUST ODD, BECAUSE USUALLY WHEN WE DEMAND AN  
11 INSURANCE POLICY TO COVER US, WE GET IT. IT'S ODD THAT THE--  
12 IF THIS IS TRUE, THAT'S WHY I ASKED YOU TO COME UP HERE-- THAT  
13 THE E.P.A. AND THE COMPANY ARE ON ONE SIDE AND OUR PEOPLE ARE  
14 ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS. I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU WOULD NOT WANT  
15 THE COUNTY TO BE TOTALLY PROTECTED. OR ARE YOU, IN THE  
16 ALTERNATIVE, ARE YOU STATING THAT YOU-- AND THIS IS MY  
17 QUESTION TO YOU-- THAT YOU'RE GUARANTEEING TO MAKE THE COUNTY  
18 WHOLE ON ANY LAWSUIT THAT'S FILED AGAINST US, THE COUNTY,  
19 BECAUSE OF SOME LACK OF REMEDIATION OR SPILL OR WHAT HAVE YOU?  
20 IDENTIFY YOURSELF, PLEASE.

21

22 **DEBBIE SAN MARTINEZ:** YES. MY NAME IS DEBBIE SAN MARTINEZ. I  
23 WORK FOR E.P.A. I'M A REMEDIAL PROJECT MANAGER FOR A SECTION  
24 OF MONTROSE. I'VE BEEN IN TALKS WITH OUR LAWYERS, AND THEY  
25 HAVE ASSURED ME THAT WE WOULD WORK WITH THE COUNTY TO INCLUDE



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1 PROVISIONS THAT WOULD GUARANTEE THE COUNTY PARTICIPATION AND  
2 TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COUNTY'S SATISFIED WITH THE CONSENT  
3 DECREE.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU JUST SAID, WITH ALL  
6 DUE RESPECT.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HE SAYS THE SAME THING TO ME  
9 WITH REGULARITY.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DO. SHE'S A LOT CLEARER THAN YOU, I WOULD  
12 JUST HASTEN TO ADD. [LAUGHTER.] ALL RIGHT. GO AHEAD.

13

14 **DEBBIE SAN MARTINEZ:** SO THE WAY WE, E.P.A., ENFORCES THE  
15 CLEANUP IS THROUGH OUR CONSENT DECREE, WHICH IS ACTUALLY WITH  
16 THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. AND WHAT WE'VE TRIED TO-- JUST TO  
17 MAKE THE PROJECT GO ON BECAUSE IT'S TAKEN A VERY LONG TIME TO  
18 REMEDIATE THIS SITE-- WAS TO INCORPORATE ANY PROVISIONS THAT  
19 THE COUNTY NEEDED IN OUR CONSENT DECREE, AND WE WILL ENFORCE  
20 THAT CONSENT DECREE.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN YOU SAY YOU WILL ENFORCE THE CONSENT  
23 DECREE, WILL YOU INDEMNIFY US IN ANY LAWSUIT THAT'S FILED  
24 AGAINST US?

25



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1    **DEBBIE SAN MARTINEZ:** I CANNOT ANSWER THAT.

2

3    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DIDN'T FIGURE YOU WOULD. IS THERE A WAY WE  
4    COULD GET SOMETHING? IS THERE SOMETHING IN WRITING THAT WOULD  
5    SATISFY THIS QUESTION FROM THE E.P.A. IN THE NEXT WEEK, SAY?

6

7    **RICHARD WEISS:** IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT E.P.A. IS NOT GOING  
8    TO AGREE TO INDEMNIFY THE COUNTY. SO I DON'T KNOW THAT WE'RE  
9    GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET ANY DIFFERENT ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION  
10   IN A ONE-WEEK PERIOD.

11

12   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT DOES ENFORCING THE CONSENT DECREE MEAN  
13   TO US IN THAT EVENTUALITY?

14

15   **RICHARD WEISS:** IF E.P.A. ENFORCES THE CONSENT DECREE BASED  
16   UPON PROVISIONS THEY'VE BEEN WILLING TO INSERT INTO IT,  
17   MONTROSE WILL BE CONTRACTUALLY OBLIGATED, AS ENFORCED BY A  
18   COURT, TO NOT ONLY REMEDIATE THE SITE BUT TO REMEDIATE ANY  
19   SPILLS THAT OCCUR IN THE FRANCHISE EQUIPMENT. KEEPING IN MIND  
20   THAT THIS FRANCHISE, THE PIPES, ARE ENTIRELY GOING TO BE  
21   LOCATED IN AN AREA THAT IS ALREADY SUBJECT TO A CLEANUP ORDER.  
22   AND THAT CLEANUP ORDER IS BEING SUPERVISED BY E.P.A. AND  
23   THAT'S GOING TO BE PART OF THE CONSENT DECREE. IT IS OUR  
24   OPINION THAT E.P.A. IS INCENTIVIZED TO INSURE THAT THE SITE IS  
25   CLEANED UP. THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONSENT DECREE WERE ADDED





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1 TO PROVIDE THAT THEY PROVIDE US WITH PROMPT NOTICE IN THE  
2 EVENT OF ANY SPILL. I WILL ADD THAT ALTHOUGH THE INSURANCE  
3 OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPAIRMENT LIABILITY  
4 ARE TRANSFERRED FROM THE FRANCHISE TO AN OBLIGATION IN THE  
5 CONSENT DECREE TO E.P.A., THERE IS STILL AN INDEMNIFICATION  
6 OBLIGATION OF MONTROSE TO THE COUNTY OVER THE LIFE OF THE  
7 FRANCHISE, THE FULL 50 YEARS. SO WE CAN STILL SUE MONTROSE  
8 DIRECTLY IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS ANY POTENTIAL LIABILITY.  
9 ONCE THE CONSENT DECREE IS ENTERED INTO, HOWEVER, THAT  
10 INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATION WILL BE NOT AS SUPPORTED BECAUSE WE  
11 WILL NOT HAVE THE INSURANCE BEHIND IT.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WE'RE COUNTING ON-- THE EXPOSURE IS THAT  
14 FOR SOME REASON THAT E.P.A. IS SATISFIED THAT MONTROSE HAS  
15 DONE WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO, BUT THEY REALLY DIDN'T DO  
16 ALL THAT THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO DO, AND SOMETHING HAPPENS THAT  
17 CAUSES SOMEBODY TO SUE US, WE'RE GOING TO BE ON THE HOOK? SO  
18 WE'RE TRUSTING THE E.P.A. IS GOING TO HAVE OUR BACK?

19

20 **RICHARD WEISS:** TO SOME EXTENT THAT IS TRUE. AND THAT'S THE  
21 REASON E.P.A. IS EVEN ON THE PROPERTY IS TO ENSURE IT GETS  
22 REMEDIATED. BUT WE WILL NOT HAVE THE INSURANCE. BUT, AGAIN,  
23 EVEN WE STILL HAVE AN INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATION THAT'S OWED  
24 TO US BY MONTROSE.

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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. YOU DON'T HAVE TO REPEAT  
2   THAT. THIS IS MY PROBLEM WITH THIS. I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND  
3   WHY THE E.P.A. WOULD STAND IN THE WAY OF OUR GETTING AN  
4   INSURANCE POLICY FROM MONTROSE TO SATISFY US. IT'S REALLY, TO  
5   ME, QUITE A REACH FOR THE SO-CALLED ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
6   AGENCY. I THINK YOU'VE ANSWERED MY QUESTION.

7

8   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
9   FOR YOUR ATTEMPTS TO RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE POSED.  
10  I'M GOING TO ASK THAT COUNTY COUNSEL SEEK TO LOOK FURTHER INTO  
11  THIS AND FOR A FOLLOW-UP ON THE LATTER POINT IN TERMS OF FULL  
12  CLARITY OF E.P.A.'S RATIONALE. I THINK THE MATTER IS BEFORE US  
13  TO MOVE FORWARD IN TERMS OF EFFORT TO REMEDIATE WHAT IS A  
14  LONG-STANDING PROBLEM. I THINK WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO DO SO.  
15  THE MATTER IS BEFORE US. IF THERE ARE NO FURTHER REMARKS TO BE  
16  MADE AT THIS POINT IN TIME, SUPERVISOR KNABE, YOU ARE PREPARED  
17  TO MOVE. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL SECOND. IT IS MY  
18  UNDERSTANDING-- YES. I'M SORRY? (OFF MIC. COMMENTS).

19

20  **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** DID WE NOT HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT  
21  ON ITEM 2? YOU WISH TO WAIVE, MR. SACHS? ALL RIGHT. IS THERE  
22  SOMEONE ELSE WHO WISHES TO BE HEARD ON ITEM NO. 2? WALSH AND  
23  SACHS, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD ON ITEM NO. 2 BEFORE WE  
24  DISPOSE OF IT? THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

25



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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING OR GOOD AFTERNOON.  
2   ARNOLD SACHS. THE E.P.A. IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE CLEANUP WHERE  
3   THE EXTRACTION WILL OCCUR. BUT WHAT ABOUT SITE NO. 2 WHERE THE  
4   INJECTION WILL BE OCCURRING? YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT FRACKING  
5   HERE, ACTUALLY. AND THE CLEANUP OF THIS FACILITY IS NOT EVEN  
6   MENTIONED. IT WILL GO TO A FACILITY, A TREATMENT PLANT WHICH  
7   WILL BE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE COUNTY RIGHT- OF-WAY. YOU'RE  
8   SIGNING A 50-YEAR AGREEMENT. YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE A PLANT SET  
9   UP FOR THE TREATMENT OF THE WATER. SO YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE  
10   CONTAMINATED WATER FROM SITE NO. 1 WHERE THE E.P.A. IS  
11   CONCERNED. TAKE IT TO A TREATMENT PLANT WHERE IT'S GOING TO  
12   GET SEMI TREATED. AND THEN TAKE IT TO A PLACE WHERE IT WILL BE  
13   INJECTED INTO THE GROUND FOR OIL. AND FURTHERMORE, I BELIEVE  
14   COUNTY COUNSEL SAID YOU COULD SUE THE FRANCHISEE. MCDONALD'S  
15   IS A FRANCHISE. YOU BUY THE FRANCHISE, YOU BECOME THE  
16   FRANCHISEE. YOU DON'T HAVE A FRANCHISE--

17

18   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

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20   **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHO WOULD BE--

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22   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

23

24   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, ONE MINUTE. THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. WALSH, PLEASE. MR. SACHS, IF  
2   YOU ARE GOING TO LEAVE, YOU NEED TO LEAVE WITHOUT ALL THAT,  
3   WHATEVER THAT IS, ALL RIGHT? THANK YOU.

4

5   **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. I  
6   TEND TO BELIEVE THE E.P.A. AND TRUST THEM OVER THE CITY AND  
7   THE COUNTY, BUT WHEN I HEAR YOU GO ON AND ON WITH THE E.P.A.,  
8   MR. YAROSLAVSKY, ON ISSUES THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED AND  
9   SETTLED ON YOUR DEPUTY'S LEVEL. THE DEPUTY SHOULD HAVE BRIEFED  
10  YOU ON WHAT YOU SPENT 20 MINUTES TRYING TO PULL OUT OF THE  
11  E.P.A. AND I DON'T TRUST ANY OF THEM. BUT, IN FACT, WE'RE  
12  TALKING ABOUT 10 MILLION PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY, ENDLESS  
13  GROWTH, BOTH THE LEFT, THE RIGHT, THE MIDDLE ALL AGREE ON  
14  ENDLESS GROWTH. AND WHEN YOU BELIEVE IN ENDLESS GROWTH, THIS  
15  IS WHAT HAPPENS. I'VE BEEN HERE 25 YEARS. NOT VERY OFTEN, BUT  
16  I'VE BEEN HERE 25 YEARS. AND I NEVER SAY YOU THIS KIND OF  
17  STUFF 20 YEARS AGO. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

18

19   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
20  THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION ON THIS PARTICULAR  
21  ITEM, THAT IS ITEM NO. 2. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED  
22  BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WE TAKE NOTE OF ABSTENTION OR NO  
23  VOTE ON THE PART OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WHAT'S YOUR  
24  PLEASURE? ABSTENTION ON THE PART OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SO



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1 THREE AYES, ONE ABSTENTION ON THE MATTER. SO ORDERED. NEXT  
2 ITEM, FINAL ITEM ON THE PUBLIC HEARINGS TODAY.

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THERE'S ACTUALLY TWO ADDITIONAL  
5 ITEMS, ITEM NO. 5 AND 6 THAT WE ARE ON. WE ARE ON ITEM NO. 5.  
6 THIS IS THE DE NOVO HEARING ON PROJECT NO. R2011-01290-5,  
7 MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION TO CHANGE THE ZONING FROM R-1-  
8 7, 500 LOT AREAS ZONED TO C-3 D.P. ZONE AND TO AUTHORIZE THE  
9 ESTABLISHMENT AND AUTHORIZATION OF A DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR  
10 THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A PUBLIC  
11 UTILITY SERVICE YARD AND PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICE CENTER LOCATED  
12 ON AVENUE L WEST OF 50TH STREET WEST IN UNINCORPORATED AREA OF  
13 QUARTZ HILL APPLIED FOR BY QUARTZ HILL WATER DISTRICT. THERE  
14 IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED, AND  
15 THERE ARE A COUPLE SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM.

16

17 **ANTHONY KERSEY:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF  
18 THE BOARD. MY NAME IS ANTHONY KERSEY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
19 REGIONAL PLANNING. THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS FOR A NEW  
20 OPERATIONS BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY FOR THE QUARTZ  
21 HILL WATER DISTRICT IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF QUARTZ  
22 HILL IN THE WEST ANTELOPE VALLEY. THE SITE IS LOCATED ON WEST  
23 AVENUE L, WEST OF 50TH STREET WEST ON A 4.8-ACRE SITE.  
24 SURROUNDING USES INCLUDE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES AND VACANT  
25 LAND AND COMMERCIAL TO THE EAST. SURROUNDING ZONING INCLUDES



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1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, LIGHT AGRICULTURAL AND COMMERCIAL  
2 PLAN DEVELOPMENT. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION WAS  
3 PREPARED BY THE QUARTZ HILL WATER DISTRICT AS LEAD AGENCY  
4 UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. THE PROJECT  
5 WAS BEFORE THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ON JULY 10, 2013.  
6 THE APPLICANT AND REPRESENTATIVE TESTIFIED IN FAVOR OF THE  
7 PROJECT AND NO ONE TESTIFIED IN OPPOSITION. CONDITIONS WERE  
8 MODIFIED DURING THE COMMISSION HEARING TO ELIMINATE THE  
9 EXPIRATION OF THE GRANT AND TO LIMIT ANY NOISY ACTIVITIES  
10 DURING EVENING HOURS. BY UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE COMMISSION CLOSED  
11 THE PUBLIC HEARING, CONSIDERED THE DISTRICT'S M.N.D. AND  
12 APPROVED THE COUNTY'S MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM AND  
13 ALSO APPROVED THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND RECOMMENDED  
14 APPROVAL OF THE ZONE CHANGE. THE PROJECT WILL BE SUFFICIENTLY  
15 BUFFERED FROM NEIGHBORING RESIDENTIAL USES OF THE PERIMETER  
16 WALL, LANDSCAPING, CONDITIONS REGARDING NOISE DURING EVENING  
17 HOURS AND BY THE PLACEMENT OF ROLLUP DOORS ON THE EAST SIDE  
18 AWAY FROM SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES. THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS  
19 CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS AND POLICIES OF THE COUNTY'S GENERAL  
20 PLAN AND THE ANTELOPE AREA WIDE GENERAL PLAN. THEREFORE STAFF  
21 RECOMMENDS THAT YOUR BOARD, AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING, CONSIDER  
22 THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, APPROVE THE COUNTY  
23 MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM AND INSTRUCT  
24 COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS TO AFFIRM THE





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1 COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND ADOPT  
2 THE ZONE CHANGE. THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE WILL NOW  
5 HEAR FROM PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF PUBLIC  
6 COMMENT. CHAD REED AND BARRY MUNZ, PLEASE, IF YOU WOULD COME  
7 FORWARD. ITEM NO. 5.

8

9 **CHAD REED:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MY NAME IS CHAD REED. I  
10 WORK WITH QUARTZ HILL WATER DISTRICT THIS OPERATIONS CENTER IS  
11 SOMETHING THAT WE'VE LOOKED FORWARD TO FOR A LONG TIME. WE'VE  
12 WORKED WITH THE TOWN COUNCILS. WE'VE ALSO WORKED WITH THE  
13 LOCAL COMMUNITY RIGHT AROUND IN THIS AREA TO MAKE SURE THAT  
14 BUILDING WILL BE IN HARMONY WITH THE SURROUNDING RESIDENCES.  
15 IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE KNOW WILL HELP OUR CONSTITUENTS AS  
16 WELL AS YOUR CONSTITUENTS AND SO WE'RE VERY EXCITED TO MOVE  
17 FORWARD WITH THIS PROJECT AND WE WOULD RECOMMEND IT.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
20 SIR?

21

22 **BARRY MUNZ:** SUPERVISORS AND CHAIRMAN, I'M BARRY MUNZ. I'M THE  
23 ENGINEER REPRESENTING THE WATER DISTRICT IN THIS PROJECT.  
24 WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM FOR SEVERAL YEARS. WE THINK WE  
25 CAME TO A VERY APPEASING PROJECT. WE WORKED WITH STAFF VERY



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1 WELL. THEY'VE DONE A LOT TO HELP US OUT AND GET THIS PROJECT  
2 TO THE POINT THAT WE'RE AT. AND WE HAVE MET WITH ALL THE  
3 ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS AND WORKED VERY DILIGENTLY IN GETTING  
4 TO THIS POINT AND LOOK FORWARD TO MOVING THIS PROJECT FORWARD  
5 AND WE AWAIT THIS ZONE CHANGE. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
8 THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE MATTER. IT IS BEFORE  
9 US. IT'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY  
10 SUPERVISOR KNABE. NO OBJECTIONS, PLEASE RECORD THE UNANIMOUS  
11 VOTE. WE'LL NOW MOVE TO ITEM NO. 6.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THIS IS THE FINAL ITEM FOR TODAY'S  
14 PUBLIC HEARING. AND THIS IS ITEM NO. 6, A DE NOVO HEARING ON  
15 PROJECT NO. T.R.071216-5 FOR LAND USE IN THE ZONING MATTERS  
16 RELATING TO PROPERTY LOCATED AT 19802 PLACERITA CANYON ROAD IN  
17 THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF NEWHALL, IN THE COUNTY'S  
18 NEWHALL AND SAN CANYON ZONE DISTRICTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF  
19 INDOOR FILMING STUDIOS FACILITIES, OFFICE BUILDING AND PARKING  
20 FOR DISNEY/A.B.C. GOLDEN OAK RANCH. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT  
21 STATEMENT, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED, AND THERE ARE  
22 PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON THE ITEM.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. NOW FROM  
25 THE DEPARTMENT?



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2 **KIM SOLEIL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
3 IS KIM SOLEIL, SPECIAL PROJECT SECTION, DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
4 PLANNING. THE APPLICANT GOLDEN OAK RANCH PROPERTIES IS  
5 PROPOSING TO CONSTRUCT INDOOR SOUND STAGES AND OFFICE SPACE  
6 FOR FILMING-RELATED ACTIVITIES ON 44 ACRES OF DISNEY'S 890-  
7 ACRE FILMING FACILITY KNOWN AS GOLDEN OAKS RANCH AND TO  
8 CONTINUE EXISTING OUTDOOR FILMING AND AGRICULTURAL AND OIL  
9 PRODUCTION USES WITHIN THE RANCH. IT IS LOCATED JUST NORTHEAST  
10 OF INTERSTATE 5 SOUTH OF AND ADJACENT TO THE 14 FREEWAY IN THE  
11 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. THE APPLICANT IS REQUESTING APPROVAL OF  
12 A PLAN AMENDMENT, ZONE CHANGE, VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP,  
13 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, OAK TREE PERMIT AND PARKING PERMIT TO  
14 AUTHORIZE THE PROJECT. THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING  
15 DETERMINED THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WAS NECESSARY  
16 FOR THE PROJECT. OF ALL THE AREAS ANALYZED, ONLY NOISE HAD AN  
17 OPERATIONAL IMPACT DUE TO CUMULATIVE INCREASED TRAFFIC  
18 VOLUMES. CUMULATIVE NOISE AND CUMULATIVE AIR QUALITY WOULD  
19 HAVE SIGNIFICANT AND UNAVOIDABLE IMPACTS DURING CONSTRUCTION.  
20 STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS WAS APPROVED BY THE  
21 COMMISSION FOR THESE REMAINING IMPACTS. PUBLIC BENEFITS  
22 PROPOSED INCLUDE AN ON-SITE TRAIL WHICH WOULD CONNECT TO  
23 EXISTING TRAIL NETWORKS AND THE PROJECT WOULD PROVIDE HIGH  
24 QUALITY JOBS WITH EXTENSIVE INVESTMENT IN THE LOCAL FILMING  
25 INDUSTRY, OAK TREE PLANTING, SUBSTANTIALLY EXCEEDING



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1 REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE PROPOSED. LESS THAN 7 PERCENT OF THE  
2 RANCH IS PROPOSED FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT, MOST OF WHICH IS ON  
3 PREVIOUSLY IT DISTURBED LAND. ALL OTHER AREAS OF ANALYSIS WERE  
4 DETERMINED TO HAVE LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS FROM THE  
5 PROJECT WHEN APPROXIMATELY 114 REQUIRED MITIGATION MEASURES  
6 AND PROJECT DESIGN FEATURES WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AND MONITORED  
7 BY THE COUNTY'S MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM.  
8 THE COMMISSION DETERMINED THAT THE FINAL E.I.R. ADEQUATELY  
9 ADDRESSED CULTURAL RESOURCES. THE PROJECT IS CONSISTENT WITH  
10 THE GOALS AND POLICIES OF THE GENERAL PLAN AND 1990 SANTA  
11 CLARITA VALLEY PLAN. THE LOCAL PLAN FOR THIS PROJECT IS THE  
12 1990 AREA PLAN. THE PROJECT WAS ALSO EVALUATED FOR CONSISTENCY  
13 WITH THE 2012 AREA PLAN FOR EACH OF THE IMPACT ISSUES ANALYZED  
14 IN THE PROJECT'S E.I.R. AND WAS DETERMINED CONSISTENT. THE  
15 PROJECT COMPLIES WITH THE APPLICABLE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS OF  
16 COUNTY CODE. THE PROJECT IS COMPATIBLE WITH SURROUNDING  
17 NEIGHBORS, AS IT IS BUFFERED ON THREE SIDES BY HILLS AND  
18 UNDEVELOPED LAND AND BUFFERED ON THE FOURTH SIDE BY STATE  
19 ROUTE 14 FREEWAY. THE NEW DEVELOPMENT IS CLUSTERED WITHIN A  
20 58-ACRE DEVELOPMENT AREA ADJACENT TO THE FREEWAY. THE PLANNING  
21 COMMISSION CONSIDERED THE PROJECT'S E.I.R. AND APPROVED THE  
22 VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP, C.U.P., OAK TREE PERMIT AND  
23 PARKING PERMIT AND RECOMMENDS TO THE BOARD APPROVAL OF THE  
24 PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONE CHANGE. ADDITIONALLY, THE PLANNING  
25 COMMISSION DIRECTED THE APPLICANT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC



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1 WORKS TO CONSIDER AND DESIGN OF PROJECT DEBRIS BASINS WHICH  
2 WOULD FURTHER MINIMIZE IMPACT TO OAK TREES AND THE APPLICANT  
3 AGREED TO PROVIDE WATER FOR HORSES AT THE PROPOSED. TRAIL  
4 HEAD. THIS CONCLUDES THE STAFF REPORT.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS A VERY POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT IN THE  
9 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, BUT NOT JUST IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY  
10 BUT FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY, STATE AND NATION BECAUSE AS YOU ARE  
11 RIGHT NOW AWARE, MANY OF THE FILMING PRODUCTION COMPANIES ARE  
12 NOW GOING OUT OF STATE. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE  
13 FILM PRODUCTION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY BECAUSE THIS PARTICULAR  
14 PROJECT IS GOING TO PROVIDE 3,152 CONSTRUCTION JOBS BUT  
15 PERMANENT FULL AND PART-TIME JOBS ARE GOING TO BE 2,854. IT'S  
16 ABOUT A \$533 MILLION ANNUAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE  
17 COUNTY, \$1.3 MILLION IN NEW REVENUES TO THE COUNTY OF LOS  
18 ANGELES. THEY ANTICIPATE NEW ANNUAL REVENUES TO THE STATE OF  
19 \$26 MILLION. AND THE ADDITION OF A PUBLIC TRAIL WITH ACCESS TO  
20 ANGELES FOREST CONTINUES AN EFFORT I'VE BEEN DOING IN TRYING  
21 TO EXPAND OUR TRAILS AND HAVE A CONNECTION THROUGHOUT THE  
22 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SO WE'RE WORKING TO RETAIN THE FILMING  
23 INDUSTRY IN THE AREA. WE'RE FURTHER RESTORING PLACERITA CREEK  
24 AND THE GREEN DESIGN FEATURES, THE SOLAR PANELS AND OTHER  
25 GREEN WALLS, COOL, LOOSE, ALONG WITH DROUGHT TOLERANT



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1 LANDSCAPING, BIOSWELLS MINIMIZE STORM WATER RUNOFF. THE  
2 NATIVE-AMERICAN COMMISSION EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER POTENTIAL  
3 IMPACTS TO CULTURAL SITES LOCATED WITHIN THE PROJECT AREA, AND  
4 DISNEY HIRED THE OUTSIDE CONSULTANT TO ANALYZE THAT ISSUE.  
5 THEY DID NOT FIND ANY RECORD OF A NATIVE-AMERICAN VILLAGE ON  
6 THE PROJECT; HOWEVER, THE MOTION THAT WE WILL BRING FORWARD  
7 WILL DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING TO REQUIRE  
8 THAT AN ON SITE MONITOR FROM THE LOCAL TRIBE BE HIRED DURING  
9 THAT CONSTRUCTION SO THAT ANY ARTIFACTS THAT ARE FOUND WOULD  
10 BE HANDLED PER APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS. BUT  
11 THIS IS A VERY STRONG ADDITION TO OUR COUNTY. IT SHOWS THAT  
12 WE'RE INVOLVED IN CREATING JOBS AND STRENGTHENING THE PRIVATE  
13 SECTOR, WHICH IS REALLY THE ENGINE THAT RUNS THE COUNTY, THE  
14 STATE AND THE NATION. SO, MR. CHAIR, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF  
15 PEOPLE WHO WANT TO SPEAK RELATIVE TO THE SOUND STAGES THAT ARE  
16 BEING PROPOSED. THERE ARE GOING TO BE 12 SOUND STAGES THAT  
17 TOTAL NEARLY 555,000 SQUARE FEET. AND, AGAIN, YOU HAVE SOME  
18 PEOPLE FROM THE COMMUNITY WHO HAVE HAD-- AND THEY WANT TO  
19 COMMEND DISNEY FOR THEIR OUTREACH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF  
20 REGIONAL PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS AND THE COMMUNITY WORKING  
21 WITH-- TOGETHER TO COME FORWARD TODAY WITH THIS PROPOSAL WHICH  
22 IS LONG OVERDUE, AND LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVE APPROVED.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I UNDERSTAND THERE'S  
25 A PRESENTATION AUDIO/VISUAL AT THE REQUEST OF ONE OF THE





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1 PRESENTERS. WITH YOUR CONCURRENCE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
2 WE'LL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT  
3 ARE DANTE ACOSTA AND RICHARD BALLERING. GENTLEMEN?

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5 **RICHARD BALLERING:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RICHARD BALLERING  
6 AND I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF PRODUCTION OPERATIONS FOR A.B.C  
7 STUDIOS. ON BEHALF OF THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY AND A.B.C.  
8 STUDIOS I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND COUNTY  
9 STAFF FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND LEADERSHIP ON THIS PROJECT. WE  
10 TAKE OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH ON THIS, AND THE PROJECT HAS MORE  
11 THAN 5,000 SUPPORTERS. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE PROJECT  
12 SUPPORTERS AND ASK THOSE HERE TODAY TO PLEASE STAND. DISNEY'S  
13 GOLDEN OAK RANCH IS ONE OF THE LARGEST MOVIE RANCHES IN LOS  
14 ANGELES COUNTY. ESTABLISHED IN 1955 WHEN WALT DISNEY  
15 PRODUCTIONS FIRST LEASED PORTIONS OF THE GOLDEN OAK RANCH FOR  
16 THE MICKEY MOUSE CLUB'S ADVENTURES OF SPIN AND MARTY. DISNEY  
17 DECIDED TO PURCHASE A PORTION OF THE RANCH IN 1959. AND OVER  
18 THE YEARS, DISNEY ADDED TO THE PROPERTY EVENTUALLY BRINGING  
19 ITS TOTAL SIZE TO 890 ACRES. TODAY THE RANCH SEES OVER 300  
20 DAYS OF FILMING ACTIVITY A YEAR. WITH DISNEY/A.B.C STUDIOS AT  
21 THE RANCH WE WILL BRING TOGETHER THE ADVANTAGES OF THE OUTDOOR  
22 MOVIE RANCH WITH THE CONTROL AND EFFICIENCIES OF STATE-OF-THE-  
23 ART SOUND STAGES. GOLDEN OAK RANCH IS LOCATED JUST EAST OF  
24 STATE ROUTE 14 ALONG PLACERITA CANYON ROAD. THE RANCH HAS A  
25 639-ACRE NATURAL BACKDROP AREA WHICH ALLOWS FILM CREWS TO GET



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1 UNHINDERED RURAL SHOTS. THE PROJECT WILL CONTINUE TO PROTECT  
2 637 ACRES OF THESE HILLSIDES. THE 225-ACRE OUTDOOR MOVIE RANCH  
3 SPANS THE CENTER OF THE PROPERTY AND IS WHERE MOST OF THE  
4 FILMING AT THE RANCH TAKES PLACE. THE PROJECT WILL RETAIN 195  
5 ACRES OF THE OUTDOOR MOVIE RANCH. AND, FINALLY, AT THE EDGE OF  
6 THE RANCH, ADJACENT TO STATE ROUTE 14, WE ARE PROPOSING THE  
7 NEW INDOOR SOUND STAGE PRODUCTION FACILITY. OUR GOAL IS TO  
8 CREATE A SOPHISTICATED INDOOR PRODUCTION FACILITY WITH THE  
9 WELCOMING FEELING OF THE RANCH. IT WILL ALSO TRANSFORM THIS  
10 LARGELY BARREN SITE WITH A WORLD CLASS DESIGN, INCLUDING  
11 EXTENSIVE LANDSCAPING THAT WILL ENHANCE PLACERITA CREEK AND  
12 MAINTAIN THE GRAND USE OF PLACERITA CANYON. DISNEY/A.B.C.  
13 STUDIOS AT THE RANCH WILL BE AN IMPORTANT ADDITION TO  
14 CALIFORNIA'S \$40 BILLION ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY AND WILL BRING  
15 SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TO LOS ANGELES  
16 COUNTY AND THE SANTA CLARITA FILM INDUSTRY. THE PROJECT WILL  
17 CREATE 533 MILLION IN ANNUAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN LOS ANGELES  
18 COUNTY, 26 MILLION IN NEW REVENUES EVERY YEAR TO CALIFORNIA,  
19 AND 1.3 MILLION IN NEW REVENUES EVERY YEAR TO LOS ANGELES  
20 COUNTY. IT WILL CREATE 3100 JOBS DURING CONSTRUCTION AND 2800  
21 JOBS AT FULL OPERATION. I'D NOW LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY  
22 COLLEAGUE, ADAM GILBERT, THE PROJECT MANAGER FOR DISNEY/A.B.C  
23 STUDIOS AT THE RANCH TO GO OVER THE SITE SELECTION AND  
24 PROJECT.

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1   **ADAM GILBERT:** I'M ADAM GILBERT, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS,  
2   MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD AFTERNOON. FOR MORE THAN 50 YEARS,  
3   THE WALT DISNEY COMPANY HAS COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING THE  
4   BALANCE BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY, FILMING OPERATIONS AND THE  
5   ENVIRONMENT AT THE RANCH. WE USE THE SAME BALANCED APPROACH TO  
6   SELECT THE SITE FOR THE PROJECT. DURING THE SELECTION PROCESS,  
7   WE BALANCED A VARIETY OF IMPORTANT ENVIRONMENTAL AND BUSINESS  
8   FACTORS, SUCH AS TRAFFIC, CREEKS, OAK TREES AND PROTECTING THE  
9   UNOBSTRUCTED LONG VIEW SHOTS THAT MAKE THE RANCH A VALUED  
10   OUTDOOR PRODUCTION LOCATION. WE UNDERSTOOD FROM THE BEGINNING  
11   THAT SELECTING THE RIGHT LOCATION ON THIS UNIQUE PROPERTY  
12   WOULD BE MOST IMPORTANT WAY TO MITIGATE AND AVOID IMPACTS FROM  
13   DEVELOPMENT. IN THE END, WE SELECTED WHAT WE BELIEVE IS THE  
14   BEST SITE. IT REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 7 PERCENT OF THE  
15   OVERALL RANCH AND FOCUSES DEVELOPMENT ON THE WESTERNMOST OF  
16   THE RANCH ADJACENT TO STATE ROUTE 14. A SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF  
17   THE PROJECT WILL BE BUILT ON TWO LARGE, MOSTLY BARREN FILL  
18   PADS CREATED IN THE 1970S DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF STATE  
19   ROUTE 14 AND LATER PURCHASED BY DISNEY AND ADDED TO THE RANCH.  
20   DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FREEWAY, APPROXIMATELY 23 ACRES  
21   OF FILL NEARLY 60 FEET WAS DUMPED ON BOTH SIDES OF PLACERITA  
22   CREEK. TODAY THOSE SLOPES ARE ERODING INTO THE CREEK,  
23   IMPACTING WATER QUALITY DOWNSTREAM AND LIMITING HABITAT AT THE  
24   BOTTOM AND SLOPES OF THE CREEK. THE PROJECT WILL IMPROVE AND  
25   RESTORE THE CREEK TO CONDITIONS IT HASN'T SEEN IN 40 YEARS BY



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1 STABILIZING THE SLOPE AND EXPANDING THE NATIVE RIPARIAN UPLAND  
2 HABITAT. DISNEY HAS A LONG HISTORY OF CARING FOR OAK TREES AT  
3 THE RANCH, INCLUDING A VOLUNTARY OAK TREE PLANTING PROGRAM.  
4 TODAY, THERE ARE MORE THAN 3,000 OAK TREES ON THE RANCH. AND  
5 WHEN WE FIRST UNDERSTOOD THE IMPACT WOULD HAVE AN IMPACT ON  
6 OAK TREES, WE ESTABLISHED TWO GUIDING CRITERIA: FIRST, TO SEEK  
7 AND FOLLOW THE ADVICE OF EXPERT ARBORISTS AND, SECOND, SET A  
8 NEW STANDARD IN OAK TREE AND OAKWOOD RESTORATION. WE'RE PROUD  
9 TO SAY THAT THIS PROJECT WILL EXCEED OUR ESTABLISHED CRITERIA  
10 AND IN MANY CASES, MORE THAN DOUBLE WHAT IS REQUIRED BY  
11 REGULATION. THE PROJECT WILL MAINTAIN 95 PERCENT OF THE  
12 RANCH'S OAK TREES AND WHEN COMPLETED, WILL EXPAND THE RANCH'S  
13 OAK WOODLANDS BY 11 ACRES, WHICH IS A MITIGATION RATIO OF 2.4  
14 TO 1. WHILE THE COUNTY REGULATIONS REQUIRE WE PLANT ONLY 442  
15 OAKS TO ADDRESS THE REMOVED TREES, WE ARE COMMITTED TO  
16 PLANTING 1600 NEW OAKS ON THE RANCH AND WILL GUARANTEE THE  
17 SURVIVAL OF AT LEAST 1,142 REPLACEMENT OAK TREES. THIS IS A 10  
18 TO 1 REPLACEMENT RATIO FOR HERITAGE OAK TREES AND 9 TO 1  
19 REPLACEMENT RATIO FOR JURISDICTIONAL TREES. IN RESPONSE TO THE  
20 SIERRA CLUB AND THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, WE HAVE  
21 AGREED TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY TO FURTHER REDUCE THE IMPACTS  
22 TO OAK TREES DURING FINAL DESIGN OF THE DEBRIS BASINS. ALL OF  
23 THE RESTORATION OF OAK WOODLANDS WILL OCCUR ON OUR PROPERTY  
24 AND WE WILL USE NATIVE ACORNS COLLECTED ON THE RANCH. WE HAVE  
25 ALREADY STARTED THIS PROCESS WITH OVER 600 OAK TREE SEEDLINGS



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1 PLANTED IN THE PROPOSED RESTORATION AREAS. FINALLY, THE  
2 PROJECT WILL ALSO PROVIDE A PUBLIC MULTI-USE TRAIL FOR HIKING,  
3 MOUNTAIN BIKING AND HORSEBACK RIDING AND WILL CONNECT TO THE  
4 REGIONAL BIKER TRAIL. IN RESPONSE TO THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
5 COMMISSION, WE HAVE ALSO AGREED TO INCORPORATE A WATER SOURCE  
6 FOR HORSES AS PART OF TRAIL CONSTRUCTION. WE ARE PROUD OF THE  
7 PROJECT, OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND OUR COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS  
8 PROJECT IMPACTS. IN THE END, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS WHY WE  
9 STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY WITH SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND  
10 A UNANIMOUS APPROVAL FROM THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. WE  
11 RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT AND WE'LL  
12 BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
15 PRESENTATION. THERE ARE OTHER PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. I  
16 CALL UPON THEM NOW. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS: BOB KELLAR, JIM  
17 MCCLAFFERTY, DOUG ARSENEAULT, RUBEN GONZALEZ, DON FLEMING, IAN  
18 SWIFT, IF YOU WOULD ALL COME FORWARD. KATHLEEN TRUMAN, ADAM  
19 GILBERT, JIM COFFEY, ROBERT ROGERS, CALVIN HEDMAN, LYNNE  
20 PLAMBECK, CAM NOLTEMEYER, DAVID LUTNESS, ARNOLD SACHS, SANDRA  
21 CATTELL, RUDY ORTEGA, HENRY SCHULTZ, ALAN SALAZAR, BEVERLY  
22 FOLKES, JOHN WALSH, IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE PROCEED, SIR.

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24 **DON FLEMING:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
25 IS DON FLEMING. I'M THE CO-CHAIR OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY



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1 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. AND I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
2 SANTA CLARITA AUTO DEALERS ASSOCIATION. THE SANTA CLARITA  
3 VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HAS BEEN WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP  
4 WITH THE COUNTY AND THE CITY TO BRING JOBS AND ECONOMIC  
5 INVESTMENT TO THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. AND ONE OF OUR TARGET  
6 INDUSTRIES IS AND HAS BEEN ENTERTAINMENT, DUE TO THE HIGH  
7 SKILL AND COMPENSATION OF THE WORKFORCE. MANY S.C.V. RESIDENTS  
8 ALREADY WORK IN THIS IMPORTANT FIELD. DISNEY HAS BEEN A JOB  
9 CREATOR AND A VALUED COMMUNITY MEMBER IN THE S.C.V. FOR OVER  
10 50 YEARS AS WELL AS BEING A GREAT OPERATOR AND PARTNER TO THE  
11 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. IT IS VERY APPARENT THAT A.B.C. AND  
12 DISNEY TAKE ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS SERIOUSLY. IT IS CLEAR THEY  
13 PUT A LOT OF THOUGHT INTO WHERE THEY LOCATE THE PROJECT, AND  
14 LOCATING IT RIGHT OFF THE FREEWAY ON LAND ALREADY DISTURBED BY  
15 CALTRANS, LEAVING THE REST OF THE RANCH UNDEVELOPED. AS PART  
16 OF THE PROJECT, DISNEY HAS ALSO COMMITTED TO INVESTING IN THE  
17 COMMUNITY WITH A PUBLIC TRAIL, A SEWER LINE AND DOMESTIC WATER  
18 SERVICES THAT BENEFIT EVERYONE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THE COUNTY  
19 NEEDS TO DO ALL IT CAN TO KEEP THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY IN  
20 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WITH INVESTMENTS SUCH AS THIS. IN CLOSING,  
21 THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP. SUPPORTS  
22 THE A.B.C./DISNEY STUDIOS AT THE RANCH AND ASKS THE BOARD TO  
23 APPROVE. THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
2    WE'LL PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, SIR.

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4    **BOB KELLAR:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE BOARD. MY NAME  
5    IS BOB KELLAR. I'M THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA.  
6    I'VE BEEN LONG SUPPORT SUPPORTIVE OF THE FILM INDUSTRY AND THE  
7    JOBS AND THE ECONOMIC IMPACT THAT IT BRINGS TO OUR COMMUNITY.  
8    WE HAVE OVER 6,000 RESIDENTS IN SANTA CLARITA THAT WORK IN THE  
9    FILM INDUSTRY. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK DISNEY/ A.B.C. FOR  
10   CHOOSING TO BUILD THIS PROJECT IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY.  
11   THE ECONOMIC IMPACT AND JOB CREATION THAT THIS PROJECT WILL  
12   BRING IS MUCH NEEDED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND  
13   SPECIFICALLY HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. I HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND HOW WE  
14   HAVE LOST THE AEROSPACE INDUSTRY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. IT IS  
15   IMPORTANT THAT TODAY WE DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO KEEP THE FILM  
16   INDUSTRY HERE IN CALIFORNIA. WE NEED TO DO MORE TO KEEP FILM  
17   PRODUCTION ACTIVITY IN THIS STATE, AND APPROVAL OF THE  
18   DISNEY/A.B.C. STUDIOS AT THE RANCH PROJECT IS A STEP IN THE  
19   RIGHT DIRECTION. THE CITY, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COUNTY AND  
20   THE RANCH, HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF WORKING TOGETHER. AND WE  
21   COULDN'T ASK FOR A BETTER NEIGHBOR THAN DISNEY. THEY HAVE  
22   ALWAYS DONE THE RIGHT THING WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR MOVIE  
23   RANCH. THEY HAVE BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE A GOOD STEWARD  
24   OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN PLACERITA CANYON WITH AN APPRECIATION  
25   AND UNDERSTANDING FOR THE 21ST CENTURY MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES.





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1 IN CLOSING, PLEASE GIVE YOUR UNANIMOUS APPROVAL FOR THIS GREAT  
2 PROJECT AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR FAMILIES. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
5 WE'LL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. WE'RE GOING TO ASK THE TWO OF  
6 YOU IF YOU WILL RELINQUISH YOUR SEATS, AND TWO ADDITIONAL  
7 PERSONS SHOULD COME FORWARD. SIR?

8

9 **RUBEN GONZALEZ:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
10 MY NAME IS RUBEN GONZALEZ. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE L.A. AREA  
11 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, REPRESENTING 1600 BUSINESSES EMPLOYING  
12 OVER 750,000 LATINOS-- ANGELINOS, SORRY, THROUGHOUT OUT L.A.  
13 COUNTY. I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THIS PROJECT. WHEN YOU  
14 SEE AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS IN THE BEGINNING, ALL YOU HOPE IS  
15 THAT AS IT GOES THROUGH THE PROCESS, THEY GET IT RIGHT AND  
16 THEY'VE GOTTEN IT RIGHT. COUNTY STAFF DID FANTASTIC DUE  
17 DILIGENCE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE E.I.R.  
18 WAS DONE PERFECTLY. THEY GOT IT RIGHT. DISNEY REACHED OUT  
19 EARLY TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE STAKEHOLDERS AND ALL THOSE  
20 WHO WERE INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT AND WORKED WITH THEM TO  
21 MAKE SURE THE IMPACTS WERE MITIGATED OR INHERENTLY WENT AWAY  
22 WITH THE DESIGN OF THE PROJECT. THEY GOT IT RIGHT. THIS IS THE  
23 RIGHT THING FOR THE REGION. THIS WILL BRING MONEY AND HELP  
24 FUEL ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ENGINES OF OUR ECONOMY, THE  
25 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY. WE FULLY SUPPORT THIS. WE ASK FOR A



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1 UNANIMOUS APPROVAL. AND THE COUNTY WILL GET IT RIGHT. THANK  
2 YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
5 TESTIMONY. WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. NEXT WITNESS,  
6 SIR?

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8 **JIM COFFEY:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN. SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
9 IS JIM COFFEY. AND I'M A 45-YEAR RESIDENT OF NEWHALL. I SPEAK  
10 TO YOU IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT FROM A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT  
11 PERSPECTIVE FROM ANY IN THIS ROOM AND EVEN SOME OF THE ONES  
12 BEFORE ME, AS I AM BOTH A RESIDENT AND A PART-TIME VENDOR OF  
13 THE RANCH. AS A PART-TIME VENDOR OF THE RANCH, I'VE BEEN ABLE  
14 TO SEE EXACTLY WHAT GOES ON THERE. AND I CAN TELL YOU, AS  
15 STEWARDS OF THE LAND AND PEOPLE THAT PROTECT ENVIRONMENT  
16 OVERALL, I'VE SAT BY AND WATCHED COYOTES, DEER AND OTHER  
17 ANIMALS WATCH ME DURING THE WORK TIME THAT WE HAVE BEEN THERE,  
18 AND THAT TELLS ME THAT THEY'VE DONE A GREAT JOB IN PROTECTING  
19 EVERYTHING THAT'S AROUND THEM BECAUSE THERE'S NOTHING THERE  
20 THAT'S SCARED OF US. IN ADDITION, THE OAK TREES THAT THEY  
21 PROTECT AND THE DRIP LINES AND EVERYTHING ABOUT THEM ARE  
22 SOMETHING THAT THEY HOLD IN VERY HIGH REGARD. I ACTUALLY KNOW  
23 A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW WELL THEY PROTECT WHAT GOES ON THERE IN  
24 THE RANCH BECAUSE IN 1977, I WAS FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE PART  
25 OF THE FEATURE FILM IN THE MICKEY MOUSE CLUB THAT WAS FILMED



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1 RIGHT THERE ON THE RANCH WHERE THEY CHASED US FOR THROWING  
2 PIECES OF DRY ICE IN THE LAKE BECAUSE WE THOUGHT IT WAS FUN  
3 AND THEY KNEW IT WAS GOING TO HARM THE FISH AND WE DIDN'T KNOW  
4 ANY BETTER. AGAIN, I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND LOOK FORWARD TO  
5 YOUR UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY  
8 AND WE WISH TO REMIND YOU THERE IS NO STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS,  
9 SO BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHAT YOU SAY YOU'VE DONE. [LAUGHTER.] NEXT  
10 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **DOUG ARSENEAULT:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DOUG  
13 ARSENEAULT OF THE VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION,  
14 V.I.C.A., REPRESENTING MORE THAN 380 BUSINESSES IN THE COUNTY  
15 THAT HAVE CREATED OVER 100,000 JOBS. V.I.C.A STRONGLY SUPPORTS  
16 THE DISNEY STUDIO AT THE RANCH PROJECTS. AS WE EMERGE FROM ONE  
17 OF THE GREATEST ECONOMIC CRISES IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY, WE  
18 MUST FOCUS ON GETTING PEOPLE BACK TO WORK. TRADITIONAL  
19 PRODUCTION STAFF AND CONTRACTORS, TO LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES,  
20 INCREASE FILM PRODUCTION IN OUR REGION, CREATES JOBS. A FULL  
21 BUILDOUT, STUDIOS OF THE RANCH WILL CREATE MORE THAN 2,800  
22 FULL AND PART-TIME JOBS IN THE NORTH COUNTY, MANY IN OFF  
23 PROPERTY BUSINESSES IN THE SANTA CLARITA AND SAN FERNANDO  
24 VALLEY. THE FACILITY UPGRADE WILL ALSO RESULT IN 533 MILLION  
25 ECONOMIC ACTIVITY INCLUDING 1.3 MILLION ANNUAL REVENUE FOR THE



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1 COUNTY. THE RANCH PROJECT IS AN EXCITING INVESTMENT IN OUR  
2 COUNTY AND IS NEEDED TO CREATE JOBS AND STIMULATE ECONOMIC  
3 ACTIVITY IN THE SANTA CLARITA AND SAN FERNANDO VALLEYS.  
4 V.I.C.A. URGES THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. AND WE'LL TAKE THE  
7 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **CALVIN HEDMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN, AND SUPERVISORS. MY  
10 NAME IS CALVIN HEDMAN. I'M CO-CHAIR OF THE SANTA CLARITA  
11 VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND PRESIDENT OF  
12 HEDMAN AND PARTNERS, A CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM IN  
13 SANTA CLARITA. IT'S CLEAR TO ME THAT DISNEY CARES ABOUT THIS  
14 PROPERTY, FROM THEIR DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS TO THE DETAIL AND  
15 THOUGHT PUT INTO THE E.I.R. THE E.I.R. WAS VERY THOROUGH AND I  
16 BELIEVE IT SHOWCASES THE DEPTHS TO WHICH DISNEY AND A.B.C.  
17 HAVE GONE TO ENSURE THIS IS THE RIGHT PROJECT, NOT ONLY FOR  
18 THEIR COMPANY BUT ALSO THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES, THE  
19 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY AND L.A. COUNTY. IN TERMS OF THE RANCH  
20 ITSELF, DISNEY IS COMMITTED TO PROTECTING PLACERITA CORRECT  
21 AND THE HILLSIDES FROM DEVELOPMENT, KEEPING NEARLY 93 PERCENT  
22 OF THEIR RANCH UNTOUCHED. THIS IS THE TYPE OF DEVELOPMENT WE  
23 ALL SHOULD WANT TO SEE IN L.A. COUNTY. DISNEY IS PROPOSING A  
24 PROJECT THAT WILL BE UNIQUE TO THE INDUSTRY WHERE THE EXISTING  
25 OUTDOOR SETS AND NATURAL BACK DROPS WILL BE COMBINED WITH



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1 SOUND STAGES. THIS WILL KEEP PRODUCTION ACTIVITY ON SITE AND  
2 GIVE MANY SANTA CLARITA RESIDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO WORK  
3 CLOSER TO HOME, WHICH CAN REDUCE THE DEMAND ON OUR HIGHWAYS  
4 DURING THE PEAK COMMUTE HOURS. FINALLY, THIS IS JUST THE TYPE  
5 OF BALANCED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THE COUNTY SHOULD BE  
6 SUPPORTING. THE MANY BENEFITS OF THIS PROJECT MERIT THE  
7 BOARD'S AFFIRMATIVE VOTE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU AND WE'LL TAKE THE  
10 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **JIM MCCLAFFERTY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JIM  
13 MCCLAFFERTY. I'M THE SUPERVISING LOCATION MANAGER FOR THE  
14 TELEVISION SHOW "N.C.I.S" WHICH IS PRODUCED IN THE SANTA  
15 CLARITA VALLEY. I'M ALSO A 15-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE VALLEY, AND  
16 I'VE WORKED ON AND OFF AT THE RANCH FOR OVER 30 YEARS ON  
17 VARIOUS PRODUCTIONS. WHAT CAN CALIFORNIA DO TO PROTECT ITS OWN  
18 HOME GROWN INDUSTRY? WE CAN SUPPORT THIS PROJECT. MUCH IS AT  
19 STAKE. THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY IS THE CENTRAL SOURCE OF  
20 ECONOMIC ACTIVITY, TAX REVENUE, JOBS AND TOURISM IN  
21 CALIFORNIA. IT CONTRIBUTES \$40 BILLION ANNUALLY TO OUR STATE'S  
22 ECONOMY WHILE SUPPORTING 174,000 WELL-PAYING ENTERTAINMENT  
23 INDUSTRY JOBS. IT'S THE FIFTH HIGHEST RANKING EMPLOYER IN  
24 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. IF WE'RE GOING TO GROW CALIFORNIA'S  
25 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY, THEN WE MUST BE COMPETITIVE, OTHERWISE



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1 PRODUCTIONS WILL INCREASINGLY CHOOSE TO BASE THEIR FILM SHOOTS  
2 IN OTHER STATES AND COUNTRIES. I'VE WORKED AT THE RANCH MANY,  
3 MANY TIMES. I KNOW THE MANAGEMENT VERY WELL. THEY'RE VERY  
4 PROTECTIVE OF THE ENVIRONMENT. SO I HOPE YOU'LL SUPPORT THIS  
5 PROJECT.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
8 AND WE'LL PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. SIR?

9

10 **RUDY ORTEGA:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS RUDY  
11 ORTEGA, JR. I'M TOMIAR OF THE TRIBAL CAPTAIN, THE FERNANDENO  
12 TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS AND ALSO I'M THE CHAIRMAN OF  
13 THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNTY INDIAN COMMISSION. I'M HERE TO  
14 SPEAK ON THE CULTURAL RESOURCES ASPECTS, AND AS YOU  
15 UNDERSTAND, DISNEY HAS BEEN IN DISCUSSION WITH THE TRIBE AND  
16 WE'VE BEEN IN PROPER AND GOOD POSITIVE DIALOGUE AND HOPEFULLY  
17 TO COME TO A RESOLUTION SOON ENOUGH IN PROPER CARE OF THE  
18 CULTURAL RESOURCES. ALTHOUGH THE SITE HAS BEEN TEMPORARY AND  
19 HAS BEEN DISTURBED PREVIOUSLY, IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT NO  
20 CULTURAL RESOURCES WILL BE FOUND AT THE SITE. AS YOU KNOW, THE  
21 FILL THAT WAS PLACED THERE WAS THERE PRIOR TO ALL THE  
22 N.A.G.P.R.A. AND FEDERAL LAWS THAT PROTECTED CULTURAL  
23 RESOURCES. JUST LIKE LA PLAZA AND PLAYA VISTA HAS BEEN  
24 IMPROVED BEFORE IN THE PAST, CULTURAL RESOURCES HAVE BEEN  
25 FOUND AND DISTURBED. SO WE'RE HERE TO PROTECT AND MAINTAIN AND



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1 BE SURE THAT THE TRIBAL MONITORS ARE ON SITE AND THAT WE  
2 CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSION WITH DISNEY. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED, THANK YOU. TAKE THE NEXT  
5 SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

6

7 **BEVERLY FOLKES:** MY NAME IS BEVERLY FOLKES. I'M FROM THE  
8 TATAVIAM TRIBE. I AM AN INTERCULTURAL RESOURCE. I HAVE MY OWN  
9 COMPANY, AND I AM VERY INTERESTED IN THIS SITE BEING A  
10 DESCENDENT OF THAT AREA. AND I JUST CAN'T STRESS ENOUGH HOW  
11 IMPORTANT CULTURAL RESOURCE IS GOING TO BE IN THIS PROJECT. SO  
12 ALL I HAVE TO SAY IS THAT LET'S NOT FORGET THE FIRST PEOPLE OF  
13 THIS LAND. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
16 TESTIMONY. SIR, I THINK YOU'RE NEXT TO BE HEARD.

17

18 **ALAN SALAZAR:** MY NAME IS ALAN SALAZAR, CHUMASH/TATAVIAM. I  
19 WANT TO THANK THE CHAIR AND THE SUPERVISORS FOR LETTING ME  
20 SPEAK TODAY. MY ANCESTORS HAVE LIVED IN THAT AREA NEAR THIS  
21 SITE FOR NOT HUNDREDS OF YEARS, BUT THOUSANDS OF YEARS. AND  
22 I'VE HEARD THE TERM "DISTURBED". THE TERM "DISTURBED" MEANS  
23 THAT IT HAS NO SCIENTIFIC VALUE. SO ARTIFACTS AND CULTURAL  
24 RESOURCES THAT ARE DISCOVERED HAVE NO SCIENTIFIC VALUE TO  
25 ARCHAEOLOGISTS. TO NATIVE PEOPLES, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THE





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1 SOIL'S BEEN DISTURBED BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW OLD  
2 THE ARTIFACTS ARE, WHETHER THEY'RE 100 OR 1,000 YEARS OLD, WE  
3 ARE HERE TO PROTECT ALL CULTURAL RESOURCES. WE JUST WANT TO  
4 ENCOURAGE DISNEY TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATING AND KEEP THE DOOR  
5 OPEN FOR US. WE'RE NOT OPPOSED TO THE PROJECT. WE ARE MOSTLY  
6 WORKING CLASS PEOPLE. AND WE APPROVE AND HOPE THE PROJECT DOES  
7 GET APPROVED. WE JUST WANT TO CONTINUE TO BE ADVISED AND OUR  
8 VOICES HEARD, SO THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU. SIR?

11

12 **BOB ROGERS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS BOB ROGERS. I'M A 32-YEAR  
13 RESIDENT OF THE PLACERITA CHAPARRAL NEIGHBORHOOD, A TINY  
14 ENCLAVE OF 28 HOUSES ADJACENT TO AND EAST OF THE DISNEY RANCH.  
15 WE ARE THE RESIDENTS MOST IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSED  
16 DEVELOPMENT. OUR SUBDIVISION LIES ADJACENT TO AND NORTH OF  
17 PLACERITA STATE PARK AND THE ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST WHICH  
18 EXTENDS FROM HIGHWAY 14, 50 MILES TO THE EAST. THE PROSPECT,  
19 THE SPECTER OF THE POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE SURROUNDING  
20 AREA TO THE WEST, NORTH AND EAST HAS ALWAYS BEEN WORRISOME TO  
21 US. UNTIL RECENT YEARS, THIS VAST AREA, ABOUT 5,000 ACRES  
22 AROUND US WAS OPEN LAND. THEN ADJACENT TO THE NORTH OF US WAS  
23 BUILT 3,000 RESIDENTIAL UNITS OF THE GOLDEN OAK AND FAIR OAKS  
24 RANCH DEVELOPMENTS. THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF THAT DEVELOPMENT IS  
25 BUT A FEW HUNDRED YARDS FROM US. FORTUNATELY FOR US THERE IS A



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1 VERY HIGH ESCARPMENT SEPARATING US FROM THOSE DEVELOPMENTS.  
2 ALSO FORTUNATE FOR US IS THAT A PROPOSED EXTENSION FROM THOSE  
3 DEVELOPMENTS TO PLACERITA CANYON WAS DENIED. HOWEVER, THE 890-  
4 ACRE DISNEY RANCH IS DEVELOPED WITH JUST SINGLE-FAMILY--  
5 EXCUSE ME. HOWEVER, IF THE 890-ACRE DISNEY RANCH WAS DEVELOPED  
6 WITH SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL AS IT WAS TO THE NORTH, THIS  
7 COULD YIELD 5,000 HOMES WITH AN ENORMOUS CONSEQUENCE FOR  
8 PLACERITA CANYON ROAD, OUR ONLY ACCESS TO THE 14 FREEWAY.  
9 DISNEY HAS BEEN A GOOD NEIGHBOR, A GOOD STEWARD OF THE LAND.  
10 ITS MOVIE RANCH AND LOCATION SHOOTING HAVE BEEN CONFINED TO  
11 THE EASTERN EXTREME OF THE RANCH IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO US,  
12 YET THEIR CONSCIENTIOUS OPERATIONS ON OUR WESTERN BORDER HAVE  
13 RESULTED IN MINIMAL IMPACTS TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. IT MAY SEEM  
14 ODD THAT HOMEOWNERS WOULD SUPPORT COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ON  
15 DISNEY RANCH, BUT SOUND STUDIOS CONFINED TO THE WESTERN  
16 EXTREME OF THE RANCH WHILE MAINTAINING THE VAST MAJORITY OF  
17 THE PROPERTY FOR LOCATION SHOOTING AND OPEN SPACE IS AN  
18 ALTERNATIVE THAT IS FAR SUPERIOR TO OTHER POSSIBILITIES. WE  
19 SUPPORT THE PROPOSED PROJECT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR. WE'LL TAKE THE  
22 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23



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1   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CHAIRMAN, I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT  
2   BOB ROGERS USED TO BE-- WHAT WAS YOUR-- HOW DID YOU RETIRE AT  
3   THE CITY?

4

5   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HE WAS A CHIEF ENGINEER.

6

7   **BOB ROGERS:** CHIEF HEARING EXAMINER.

8

9   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF  
10   LOS ANGELES AND DID GREAT WORK FOR OUR DISTRICT AND THE REST  
11   OF THE CITY. HE DID ONCE, ACTUALLY, 1979.

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13   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YEAH. AND THAT WAS THE END OF  
14   IT.

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16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WAS IT. THEN HE GOT PROMOTED.

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18   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO, HE GOT RELIGION.

19

20   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GOOD TO SEE YOU. YOU'RE LOOKING GOOD.

21

22   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD TO SEE YOU, BOB, AS WELL.

23   THANKS. REMEMBER, I TREATED YOU BETTER, BOB. ALL RIGHT? THANK

24   YOU. [LAUGHTER.] MA'AM?

25



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1   **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** LYNNE PLAMBECK, SANTA CLARITA ORGANIZATION FOR  
2   PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO OBJECT TO  
3   SOME OF THE STATEMENTS MADE IN THE C.E.Q.A. FINDINGS AND  
4   STATEMENTS OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS AND THE BURDEN OF  
5   PROOF. YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE PURPOSES CLAIMED FOR THIS PROJECT  
6   IS THAT IT'S TO UPDATE THE 1990 SANTA CLARITA AREA PLAN, BUT  
7   THEN YOU WOULD PREFER TO BE APPROVED UNDER THE AREA PLAN, WHY?  
8   BECAUSE THE 2012 UPDATE HAS THIS AREA DESIGNATED, THE BACK  
9   PART OF IT, AS SIGNIFICANT ECOLOGICAL AREA AND IT WOULD NOT  
10   COMPLY WITH THE COUNTY'S GREENHOUSE GAS AND PLAN WHERE WE'RE  
11   SUPPOSED TO HAVE A GREEN AREA BEHIND-- I'M SORRY. SHOULD I  
12   WAIT UNTIL? BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO USE UP MY TIME EVEN  
13   THOUGH?

14

15   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO, YOU'RE USING IT UP RIGHT  
16   NOW. PROCEED.

17

18   **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** YEAH, I'M SORRY, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS.

19

20   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO, PROCEED.

21

22   **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** IT'S JUST DISCOURAGING TO COME ALL THIS WAY  
23   AND THEN-- OKAY. SO THE C.E.Q.A. FINDINGS, THE PROJECT'S  
24   DESIGN FEATURES AND STATE MANDATES WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO  
25   GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION. HOW CAN SUCH A STATEMENT BE MADE



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1 WHEN ONLY YOU'RE ADDING AN ADDITIONAL 2100 PARKING AREA AND  
2 ALL THOSE CARS? ANOTHER STATEMENT MADE IS THAT THE PROJECT IS  
3 COMPATIBLE WITH THE SURROUNDING AREA. WELL THE SURROUNDING  
4 AREA IS RURAL AND AGRICULTURAL RIGHT NOW. SO HOW CAN ADDING 12  
5 SOUND STAGES BE COMPATIBLE? LASTLY I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT  
6 THE MITIGATIONS FOR FLOOD PLAIN REMOVED OUT OF MITIGATION AND  
7 INTO PUBLIC WORKS WHERE THE PUBLIC CAN'T SEE OR CONFIRM WHAT'S  
8 HAPPENING, AND WE WOULD REQUEST THAT THOSE BE PUT BACK AS  
9 C.E.Q.A. MITIGATIONS RATHER THAN BEING PUT INTO PUBLIC WORKS  
10 AND APPROVED BY PUBLIC WORKS WHERE THE PUBLIC CAN'T SEE WHAT'S  
11 HAPPENING. THANK YOU.

12

13 **CAM NOLTEMEYER:** CAM NOLTEMEYER FOR THE SANTA CLARITA  
14 ORGANIZATION FOR PLANNING AND THE ENVIRONMENT. YOU ARE  
15 CHANGING THE PLAN FROM HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT AND FLOOD PLAIN TO  
16 COMMERCIAL. THAT MUST BE VERY LUCRATIVE FOR THE APPLICANT. YOU  
17 ALSO HAVE DOING KIND OF A BAIT AND SWITCH WITH HAVING TWO  
18 PROJECTS. THE CLEAN WATER ACT MANDATES THAT THE LEAST  
19 ENVIRONMENTALLY DAMAGING OF THE OPTIONS PRESENTED MUST BE  
20 SELECTED. I HOPE YOU ABIDE BY THAT. THAT WOULD BE OPTION B.  
21 THE NEW ENTRY ACCESS FROM STATE ROUTE 14 NORTHBOUND OFF-RAMP  
22 IS NOT APPROVED BY CALTRANS AT THIS TIME. TRAFFIC INGRESS  
23 WOULD REQUIRE FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW UNDER C.E.Q.A. IF  
24 THAT IS NOT APPROVED. UNDER OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS,  
25 EVERYTHING IS PENDING. THERE IS ALSO A FLOOD PLAIN MAP THAT'S



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1    REQUIRED, A STREAM BED ALTERATION. WHAT YOU'RE BASICALLY DOING  
2    IS TAKING THE HILLSIDE, DUMPING IT INTO THE FLOOD PLAIN TO  
3    PROVIDE THE ACREAGE THAT YOU NEED, A COMMON PRACTICE APPLIED  
4    HERE. ALL OF THESE THINGS HAVE YET TO BE APPROVED. ALL KINDS  
5    OF-- WE HAVE A BIG CHLORITE PROBLEM HAVE WE HAVE A  
6    CONTAMINATION OF OUR GROUND WATER PROBLEM IN OUR AREA, NOT  
7    ADDRESSED HERE. SO THERE ARE MANY THINGS. I ASSUME THAT I CAN  
8    TAKE AS LONG AS THE GENTLEMAN THAT WENT BEFORE US?

9

10    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO.

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12    **CAM NOLTEMEYER:** ON THE TIME EXPIRED?

13

14    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO, THAT'S INCORRECT ASSUMPTION.  
15    BUT I WAS TRYING TO PERMIT YOU A LITTLE MORE TIME.

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17    **CAM NOLTEMEYER:** I WAS JUST WONDERING HOW YOU ALLOCATE THAT  
18    THAT CERTAIN PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED VERY, VERY LONG TIME AND WE  
19    ARE NOT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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21    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE TO BE  
22    HEARD RATHER THAN ENGAGE IN THAT LEVEL OF SARCASM, YOU CAN  
23    TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. I TAKE YOUR POINT. MA'AM, SIR?

24



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1   **DAVID LUTNESS:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS DAVE LUTNESS. I AM A  
2   RETIRED RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA. AND I WOULD LIKE TO OPPOSE  
3   THIS PROJECT. I LOST IT. THE PLACERITA CANYON. I LOSE WORDS  
4   OUT OF MY HEAD BECAUSE I'M OLD. THE PLACERITA CANYON IS IS A  
5   LOVELY AREA. IT IS A SIGNIFICANT WILDLIFE ENVIRONMENT AND A  
6   WILDLIFE CORRIDOR. THE GREATEST CHALLENGE THAT WE FACE  
7   GLOBALLY, NATIONALLY, STATEWIDE AND LOCALLY IS LOSS OF  
8   BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO  
9   ENCOURAGE AND MAINTAIN OUR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY. I OPPOSE THIS  
10  PROJECT IN THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME LIMIT AS TO HOW MUCH  
11  LIGHTING THEY CAN DO AT NIGHT. THE LATEST SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE  
12  JUST REINFORCES HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR DARKNESS FOR THE  
13  ANIMALS AND PLANTS THAT ARE EVOLVED FOR DARKNESS, AND WE NEED  
14  TO MAINTAIN THAT. I WOULD SAY LET'S HAVE ONLY THREE DAYS A  
15  MONTH, POSSIBLY, AND NOT WITHIN FIVE DAYS OF THE NEW MOON  
16  WHERE THEY'RE ALLOWED TO DO NIGHTTIME SHOOTING. I WOULD  
17  ENCOURAGE THAT THERE BE A CONSERVANCY EASEMENT SO THAT WE CAN  
18  ENSURE THAT THE ENVIRONMENT IS PROTECTED. THE ENTERTAINMENT  
19  INDUSTRY IS A MOVING TARGET. THEY NO LONGER MAKE FILM ANYMORE.  
20  WHATEVER CHANGES THAT ARE GOING TO HAPPEN, HOW ARE WE SURE  
21  THAT THEY'RE GOING TO MAINTAIN THE JOBS OR NOT JUST MOVE THEM  
22  OUT OF BURBANK? I THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

23

24   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
25   SIR?





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2   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.  
3   ACCORDING TO WHAT WE'VE HEARD, DISNEY HAS OWNED THE PROPERTY  
4   FOR OVER 50 YEARS. AND THE 1990 AREA PLAN DESIGNATED THE  
5   PROPERTY AS HILLSIDE MANAGEMENT, FLOODING AND A FLOOD PLAIN.  
6   SO EVIDENTLY IN 1990 YOU MUST HAVE SAID NO TO MICKEY MOUSE.  
7   BECAUSE NOW YOU'RE CHANGING THE DESIGNATION TO COMMERCIAL. A  
8   FLOOD PLAIN TO COMMERCIAL. CAN YOU SAY SEPULVEDA BASIN? HEARD  
9   ABOUT 3100 CONSTRUCTION JOBS. THAT'S OVER 15,000 VEHICLE TRIPS  
10   A WEEK. IS THERE ANYTHING MITIGATING THE 15,000 VEHICLE TRIPS  
11   A WEEK? WE'VE HEARD TERMINATION OF THE USE OF D.W.P.  
12   TRANSMISSION RIGHT- OF-WAY. HOW IS THE COUNTY ABLE TO MITIGATE  
13   USAGE OF D.W.P. PROPERTY? WE HEARD OPTION A, BUT WE DIDN'T  
14   HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT OPTION B. GRADING OF THE FLOOD PLAIN.  
15   AGAIN CAN YOU SAY SEPULVEDA BASIN?

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17   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
18   NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

19

20   **SANDRA CATTELL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS SANDRA  
21   CATELL, AND I AM WITH THE SIERRA CLUB. DISNEY HAS HAD THREE  
22   PRESENTATIONS TO THE SANTA CLARITA GROUP. AND WE HAVE HAD  
23   SEVERAL ON-SITE VISITS AND DISCUSSIONS. THE OFFICIAL POSITION  
24   OF THE SIERRA CLUB AT THIS POINT IS NO POSITION. HOWEVER, I  
25   HAVE SOME COMMENTS TO REVIEW. WE FIND A LOT OF THINGS THAT ARE



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1 POSITIVE. WE APPRECIATE THE GREEN BUILDING PRACTICES AND THE  
2 RESTORATION OF THE PLACERITA CREEK. AS A MEMBER OF THE TRAILS  
3 COMMITTEE AND ALSO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S SANTA CLARITA  
4 VALLEY TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, WE DO APPRECIATE THE TRAIL  
5 HEAD, THE STAGING AREA AND THE NEW TRAIL CONNECTIONS. IT'S A  
6 WELL PLANNED PROJECT AND IT'S ADJACENT TO THE FREEWAY WITH  
7 EXTENSIVE OAK MITIGATION THAT ARE ALREADY IN PROCESS OF BEING  
8 PLANTED. OUR BIGGEST NEGATIVE TO THE PROJECT IS THE PROJECTED  
9 LOSS OF 158 OAK TREES. THE SIERRA CLUB, AS WELL AS OTHER  
10 ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WOULD LIKE TO SAVE AS  
11 MANY OF THESE OAKS AS POSSIBLE. WE BROUGHT OUR CONCERNS TO THE  
12 COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSIONERS, AND THEY WERE ADDRESSED. DISNEY  
13 AND PUBLIC WORKS HAVE BEEN WORKING ON PLANS TO SAVE MANY OF  
14 THE TREES THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN LOST. AND WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL  
15 ENCOURAGE THIS COOPERATION TO CONTINUE. THIS WILL SAVE MATURE  
16 OAK TREES, PROTECT THE VIEWS FROM PLACERITA CANYON ROAD AS  
17 WELL AS FROM DISNEY RANCH. AND THIS WOULD BE APPLAUDED BY MANY  
18 COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS. ADDITIONALLY, THE SIERRA CLUB  
19 APPRECIATES THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THIS ONGOING PRESENCE ON  
20 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ON THIS PROJECT. THANK YOU.

21  
22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
23 SIR, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.



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1   **HENRY SCHULTZ:** MY NAME IS HENRY SCHULTZ. I'M ALSO WITH THE  
2   SIERRA CLUB IN THE SANTA CLARITA AREA. WE HAVE HAD MANY  
3   DISCUSSIONS WITH DISNEY ON HOW THEY'RE GOING TO HANDLE THE  
4   PROBLEM WITH THE TREES. AND WE THINK THAT THEY'RE WORKING WITH  
5   US IN GOOD FAITH AND HAVE SHOWN AN EXTREMELY GOOD  
6   UNDERSTANDING OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESSES ON THE RANCH ITSELF,  
7   FOR WHICH WE ARE QUITE HAPPY. THERE ARE OTHER THINGS THAT ARE  
8   NICE ABOUT HOW THEY HANDLE THE PROPERTY. FOR INSTANCE, THERE  
9   IS THE USE OF WELLS FOR FILLING UP HELICOPTERS WHEN FLYERS ARE  
10  THERE. NICE FACILITY FOR THAT, AND THEY'VE DONE A VERY NICE  
11  JOB. OOPS. OH. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I APPRECIATE IS OF  
12  COURSE THE TRAILS THEY HAVE INVOLVED AND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF  
13  THE CREEK IS REALLY IMPORTANT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT AREA HAS  
14  IS A VIEW SHED. AND CONTRARY TO SOME CLAIMS, THE VIEW SHED  
15  WILL NOT BE DEGRADED BUT ACTUALLY BE IMPROVED, IN MY OPINION,  
16  ON THIS PROJECT. SO I THINK THAT'S A GOOD SIGN. THANK YOU.

17

18  **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
19  FINAL SPEAKER.

20

21  **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. I  
22  WANT TO ECHO AND SUPPORT THE COURAGEOUS STAND OF THE PEOPLE  
23  WHO JUST SPOKE WHO HAVE NO POSITION. AND THERE IS NO REASON TO  
24  HAVE ANY POSITION HERE. IT'S LIKE SHE DIDN'T SAY YES, SHE  
25  DIDN'T SAY NO, SHE DIDN'T SAY STAY, AND SHE DIDN'T SAY GO. I'M



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1 TELLING YOU: THE MOST IMPORTANT WEBSITE YOU CAN GO TO IS  
2 ENDLESSGROWTH.COM. I SUPPORT THIS PROJECT, IF YOU BELIEVE IN  
3 ENDLESS GROWTH. NOW, ENDLESS GROWTH IS MADNESS BECAUSE WE LIVE  
4 ON THE PLANET EARTH. I REMEMBER WHEN I WENT TO ELEMENTARY  
5 SCHOOL. THE ANSWER TO HOW MANY PEOPLE IN AMERICA WAS 130  
6 MILLION. NOW IT'S ALMOST TWICE AS MANY. SO, YEAH, THERE IS  
7 JOBS, BUT IN THE END, WE ARE ALL LOST. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC HEARING  
10 ON THE MATTER BEFORE US, WHICH IS ITEM NO. 6. MEMBERS OF THE  
11 BOARD, DO YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER COMMENT ON THIS ITEM? SEEING  
12 NONE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS, I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY  
15 WHO TESTIFIED THIS MORNING AND AFTERNOON. AS STATED, THIS IS  
16 AN 890-ACRE GOLDEN OAK RANCH OPPOSITE PLACERITA CANYON IN THE  
17 SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. THE PROJECT WOULD BE DISNEY/A.B.C.  
18 STUDIOS AT THE RANCH. AND WE HAVE ONE VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT  
19 MAP ON A 44.28-ACRE PARCEL, WITH TWO DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS.  
20 OPTION A IS A 555,950 SQUARE FOOT INDOOR FILMING STUDIO  
21 FACILITIES INCLUDING 12 SOUND STAGES AND SUPPORTING  
22 FACILITIES. AND OPTION B IS 510,000 SQUARE FEET OF INDOOR  
23 STUDIO FACILITIES INCLUDING EIGHT SOUND STAGES WITH SUPPORTING  
24 FACILITIES AND ONE MEDIA OFFICE BUILDING. DUE TO THE  
25 UNFORESEEABLE MARKET CONDITIONS, DISNEY WILL DECIDE AT A LATER



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1 DATE WHICH OPTION THEY WILL PURSUE. WITH THE PROJECT, IT'S NOW  
2 POSSIBLE TO COMBINE THE ADVANTAGES OF A LARGE MOTION PICTURE  
3 RANCH FOR OUTDOOR FILMING WITH THE CONTROL AND EFFICIENCIES OF  
4 SOUND STAGES AND ONE LOCATION. THIS SYNERGY WILL PROVIDE  
5 COUNTLESS OPTIONS FOR THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY AND REDUCE  
6 THE NEED FOR ACTORS, CREWS AND EQUIPMENT TO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT  
7 THE VAST REGIONS EVERY TIME SCENERY CHANGES FROM INDOOR TO  
8 OUTDOOR SETS. THIS WILL CREATE, AS I SAID EARLIER, 3,152 NEW  
9 CONSTRUCTION JOBS WITH 2,854 PERMANENT AND FULL- AND PART-TIME  
10 JOBS, GENERATING \$533 MILLION IN ANNUAL INCOME ACTIVITIES  
11 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. SO I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT THE BOARD  
12 CLOSE THE HEARING AND APPROVE THE ITEM, APPROVE THE FINAL  
13 E.I.R. ASSOCIATED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 2009-  
14 00112. NUMBER 2, 01-001-0011, AND ADOPT ASSOCIATED FINDINGS OF  
15 FACT AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS AND M.M.R.P.  
16 IN ACCORDANCE WITH C.E.Q.A. FOR THE DISNEY/A.B.C. STUDIOS AT  
17 THE RANCH PROJECT NO. T.R.071216-5, DIRECT COUNTY COUNSEL TO  
18 PREPARE THE NECESSARY RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 1990 SANTA  
19 CLARITA VALLEY AREA PLAN AS RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONAL  
20 PLANNING COMMISSION AND DIRECT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE  
21 THE NECESSARY ORDINANCE TO CHANGE ZONES WITHIN THE NEWHALL AND  
22 SAN CANYON ZONE DISTRICTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE REGIONAL  
23 PLANNING COMMISSION AND DIRECT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE  
24 THE NECESSARY FINDINGS TO AFFIRM THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
25 COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF VESTING TENTATIVE VESTING TENTATIVE



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1 TRACT MAP NO. T.R.071216, THE C.U.P. NO. (200)090-0126, OAK  
2 TREE PERMIT NO. 200900041 AND THE PARKING PERMIT NO. 201-  
3 000002 AND DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING TO  
4 REQUIRE ON-SITE MONITOR FROM THE AREA'S NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE  
5 BE HIRED DURING THE CONSTRUCTION AND IF ANY NATIVE AMERICAN  
6 ARTIFACTS ARE FOUND, THAT THEY BE HANDLED PER APPLICABLE STATE  
7 AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S BEEN PROPERLY  
10 MOVED AND SECONDED. LET'S SAY WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE'LL CLOSE  
11 THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION ON THE ITEM AND THE MATTER IS  
12 BEFORE US AS INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.  
13 APPROPRIATELY SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SEEING NO  
14 OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. THANK YOU. THERE ARE  
15 SEVERAL PERSONS THAT WISH TO BE HEARD ON MATTERS THAT ARE  
16 ORDINARILY CONSIDERED TO BE CONSENT. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:  
17 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, ARNOLD SACHS, PATRICK O'ROURKE, AND  
18 PATRICIA MULCAHEY. LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY THAT YOUR COMMENTS  
19 ARE APPROPRIATELY LIMITED TO THOSE ITEMS FOR WHICH YOU HAVE  
20 SIGNED UP. SO IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD TO BE HEARD.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, PLEASE.

23

24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
25 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON S-1, IT'S POSTPONED AGAIN FOR



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1 ANOTHER TWO WEEKS. THAT'S PRETTY SAD BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN  
2 POSTPONED ACTUALLY SINCE NOVEMBER OF LAST YEAR. AND, YOU KNOW,  
3 THAT'S KIND OF SAD WHEN YOU ARE SPEAKING ABOUT CAPITAL  
4 PROJECTS TO BE ALMOST ONE YEAR DELAY IN DEALING WITH IT,  
5 ESPECIALLY WHEN IT'S NOTHING, NO REPORT AND SO ON. AND UP  
6 TODAY, YOU SAID RECEIVED AND FILED. WHAT CAN YOU RECEIVE WHEN  
7 IT'S NOTHING THERE? SO IF YOU DID RECEIVE SOME MATERIAL, YOU  
8 KNOW, THE PUBLIC IS ENTITLED TO IT, SO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT.  
9 BUT AS FAR AS I KNOW, NOTHING WAS THERE. ON ITEM 19, ABOUT THE  
10 GRAND JURY AND THE REPLY FROM THE GRAND JURY, YOU KNOW, EVERY  
11 YEAR WE HAVE SEEN THE RESPONSE WILL MEAN VERY LITTLE. BUT I'M  
12 NOT GOING TO SPEAK TOO LONG BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE THE TIME. ON  
13 ITEM 21, I AM CONCERNED THAT AGAIN YOU ARE PUTTING TONS OF  
14 MONEY ON ONE OF THE WORST E.H.R. AND THE WORST DATA BANK  
15 POSSIBLE TO BUY, MCKESSON AND CERNER, AND IF YOU WANT TO KNOW,  
16 YOU CAN LOOK AND FIND THE INFORMATION. THEY ARE THE LOWEST IN  
17 THE BOTTOM. MCKESSON AND CERNER ARE THE WORST WHEN IT COMES TO  
18 QUALITY DATA BANK, ESPECIALLY HOW TO HAVE DATA WHO SPEAK TO  
19 EACH OTHER. WE HAVE SPENT MILLIONS IN THE LAST TWO OR THREE  
20 YEARS ON BOTH MCKESSON AND CERNER WHO ARE THE WORST IN THE  
21 BUSINESS. I'M CONCERNED, WHO IS GETTING KICKBACKS ON THAT? AND  
22 NONE OF OUR SYSTEMS ARE STILL COMMUNICATING. BYE.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
25 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER. SIR.





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2 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** OH, I'M SORRY, I HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR  
3 YOU ON E.H.R., YOU MAY LEARN TO GET THE GOOD QUALITY ONE.  
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** FIRST OF ALL, I DO NOT SUBMIT TO HAVING MY  
9 THREE MINUTES REDUCED TO TWO ON FOUR SUBJECTS THAT I SIGNED  
10 ON. FIRST OFF, GO TO [WWW.FBI.GOV/ABOUT-US/INVESTIGATE/](http://WWW.FBI.GOV/ABOUT-US/INVESTIGATE/CIVILRIGHTS/COLOR_OF_LAW)  
11 [CIVILRIGHTS/COLOR\\_OF\\_LAW](http://WWW.FBI.GOV/ABOUT-US/INVESTIGATE/CIVILRIGHTS/COLOR_OF_LAW). I HOPE THE TYPIST GETS IT RIGHT  
12 THIS TIME. NOW, YOU GO TO THAT SITE TO GO AHEAD AND COMPLAIN  
13 ABOUT THE BROWN ACT, ABOUT THE TWO MEETINGS FOR D.C.F.S. THAT  
14 WERE HIDDEN FROM THE PUBLIC, THAT WERE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
15 AND DONE UNDER SECRECY. THIRDLY, YOU GO THERE TO COMPLAIN  
16 ABOUT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LIKE MY, WHERE IS HE, YAROSLAVSKY,  
17 WHO REGINA DECIDED THAT SHE WAS NO LONGER GOING TO WORK WITH  
18 ME EVEN THOUGH I'VE HAD FULL REFERRALS. YOU GO THERE WHEN YOUR  
19 RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED, WHEN YOU DON'T GET THE FULL  
20 SPEAKING TURN AND WHEN YOU'RE IGNORED BY THE BOARD LIKE THESE  
21 MEMBERS, LIKE MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND DON KNABE AND ANTONOVICH  
22 WHO ARE BUSY READING OTHER THINGS AND IGNORING THE PUBLIC. WE  
23 ARE GOING TO COURT. RIGHT NOW YOU CANNOT HAVE A BLUE RIBBON  
24 PANEL BECAUSE THE STATE IS BEING SUED UNDER D.C.F.S. AND UNDER



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1 FAMILY COURT. THE STATE WILL BE SUED, AND ANY-- OH, YEAH, I  
2 GOT YOUR ATTENTION, THOMAS, DIDN'T I?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO.

5

6 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** THE STATE IS GOING TO BE SUED, AND ANY  
7 SUPERVISOR WHO ACTIVELY BLOCKS, PASSES LAWS OR ANY KIND OF  
8 OBSTRUCTIONISM WILL BE BROUGHT UP INTO THAT LAWSUIT, DO YOU  
9 UNDERSTAND, SUPERVISORS? YOUR VIOLATIONS OF THE BROWN ACT AND  
10 OF CIVIL RIGHTS IS GOING TO STOP. NOW.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR.

13

14 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** TWO MINUTES, GREAT.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** GO AHEAD AND GET YOUR ACT TOGETHER.

19

20 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** ALSO IN REFERENCE TO \_\_\_\_\_ AND PROXY FOR  
21 ACCOUNT 187 THE FALSE AWARDS, AND COUNT 244 AND COUNT 245,  
22 AGAIN, I'M ASKING FOR INVESTIGATION. AND ALSO TRACKING  
23 ELECTRONICALLY MEDICAL RECORDS WITHOUT A SEARCH WARRANT WHICH  
24 WOULD BE AGAINST-- AND ALSO LET'S NOT FORGET THE FALSE  
25 SHERIFF'S REPORT IN REGARDS TO WHAT SANTA CLARITA HAS DONE.



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1 COULD I ASK A QUESTION? IN REGARDS TO THAT O.T.E.O. OF YOURS  
2 THAT I TURNED INTO THE AUDIT DEPARTMENT IN 2001, IS THERE A  
3 SHERIFF IN SANTA CLARITA RELATED TO ANITA BOCK, B-O-C-K?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T KNOW.

6

7 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** AND ALSO JUST TO LET YOU KNOW, IT IS  
8 AGAINST THE LAW FOR THE SHERIFF TO FILE A FALSE SHERIFF'S  
9 REPORT AND IT'S ALSO AGAINST THE LAW FOR THE D.C.F.S. TO COPY  
10 FROM MY SISTER'S MEDICAL REPORTS, ALL RIGHT?

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

13

14 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** NO, I'M NOT HALFWAY DONE.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO, LET ME SIMPLY ASK A  
17 QUESTION. I NEED TO ASK YOU A QUESTION.

18

19 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** AND ALSO, SIDNEY.CHAN@JUD.GOV

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MISS MULCAHEY, I WANT TO ASK YOU  
22 A QUESTION.

23

24 **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** OH, YOU'RE TRYING TO USE UP MY--

25



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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO, NO, NO. I WANT TO ASK YOU A  
2   QUESTION. YOU HAVE TO TELL US WHAT YOU ARE ADDRESSING. YOU  
3   SPECIFICALLY SIGNED UP FOR SIX ITEMS. AND I DON'T THINK YOU'RE  
4   ADDRESSING ANY OF THOSE. IF YOU WISH TO HAVE FULL REIN OF  
5   DISCUSSION, THAT'S AT PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS OPPORTUNITY IS FOR  
6   YOU TO ADDRESS SPECIFIC ITEMS EXCLUSIVELY. SO YOU HAVE S-1,  
7   16, 19, 20, 21 AND C.S.-2. YOU ARE OBLIGED TO ADDRESS ONE OF  
8   THOSE OR ALL OF THOSE. BUT YOU HAVE TO BEGIN TO DO THAT AND  
9   YOU'RE NOT DOING ANY OF THAT. NOW EITHER YOU ARE GOING TO  
10  ADDRESS THESE ISSUES OR YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RELINQUISH THE  
11  MICROPHONE. ALL RIGHT. DO SO NOW.

12

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15  **>>PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** IN REGARDS TO ALSO TO DIANE.ROWAN@MACPAC  
16  AND TRACKING MEDICAL RECORDS, YOU KNOW WHAT? YOU TAKE THAT,  
17  AND YOU KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH IT.

18

19  **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OH MY GOODNESS. LET ME TELL YOU  
20  WHAT I'M GOING TO DO WITH IT. SERGEANT, THANK YOU. NEXT  
21  SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23  **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. I  
24  DID ACTUALLY SIGN UP FOR FOUR ITEMS. VERY QUICKLY, ITEM 13,  
25  THE ANNUAL EMPLOYEES SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT WILL INCLUDE THE FIVE



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1 FOUL BALL RULE THAT WILL BE IN EFFECT. ONE FOUL BALL FOR EACH  
2 SUPERVISOR. ITEM 19 REFERS TO THE GRAND JURY RECOMMENDATIONS.  
3 I'M STILL WAITING FOR A RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE COUNTY  
4 AUDITOR. AND ITEM 21 REFERS TO AN \$11 MILLION ADJUSTMENT FOR  
5 THE ORCHID SYSTEM. I BELIEVE LAST WEEK WE HEARD 20 MINUTES OF  
6 TESTIMONY REGARDING \$8 MILLION FOR ADDITIONS TO THE M.L.K.  
7 HOSPITAL. THIS IS \$3 MILLION MORE AND NOT A PEEP FROM ONE OF  
8 THE SUPERVISORS. PORQUE? AND THEN I ALSO SIGNED UP FOR NUMBER  
9 7, WHICH IS, A NONPROFIT PROHIBITED FROM USING PUBLIC FUNDS  
10 FOR CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES. AND AGAIN, I POINT OUT FROM THE JUNE  
11 21ST EDITION OF THE L.A. TIMES THAT EXEMPTION FOR THE P.U.C.  
12 TEAM STALLS THE BUDGET. PART OF THE PROBLEM BEING, THIS P.U.C.  
13 SERVES ON BOARDS OF NONPROFITS THAT ARE CREATED BY THE P.U.C.  
14 THEY GET PUBLIC MONEY. THEY HAVE THEIR OWN AGENDAS, WHICH ARE  
15 CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT ANOTHER  
16 NONPROFIT CALLED THE CRENSHAW CORPORATION WHICH IS FORMED BY  
17 THE M.T.A. AND BACK ON JULY 20TH, 2011, THEY ADOPTED A  
18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FORMATION OF A CORPORATION INCLUDING  
19 THE CRENSHAW PROJECT TO RECEIVE A FEDERAL LOAN. THEY INCLUDE  
20 ATTACHMENT A. ATTACHMENT A STATES THAT THIS FEDERAL LOAN, A  
21 RESOLUTION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION  
22 AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE FORMATION OF NONPROFIT TO ASSIST  
23 WITH THE FINANCING OF L.A.C.M.T.A. CAPITAL PROJECTS. WELL, THE  
24 CRENSHAW CORPORATION WAS SUPPOSED TO GET LOANS FOR THE  
25 CRENSHAW PROJECT. NOW IT'S L.A.C.M.T.A. PROJECTS. WHICH ONE IS



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1 IT? I DON'T KNOW. WHO'S ON FIRST? SECOND BASE? THIRD BASE?  
2 TIME'S UP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE APPRECIATE AGAIN YOUR  
3 ANSWERS AND ATTENTION.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I LIKE THAT SELF-  
6 POLICING. WE ARE CLOSING THE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. WE  
7 RETURN TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA.

8

9 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE  
10 YOU. ON ITEM S-1, IT WILL BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 24TH. ITEM  
11 13 IS BEFORE YOU, 16, 19, 20. ITEM 21 WILL BE CONTINUED ONE  
12 WEEK. ITEM C.S.-2 WILL BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 24TH. THOSE  
13 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR  
16 KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH SECONDS. WE SEE NO  
17 OBJECTIONS, THEREFORE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THEN ON ITEM NO. 7, IF WE  
20 COULD TAKE THIS AS A SEPARATE VOTE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WILL  
21 VOTE NO ON THE ITEM, BUT THE ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT IS BEFORE US. PLEASE RECORD  
24 THREE AYES IN FAVOR AND ONE ITEM, ONE IN OPPOSITION.

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1   **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** OKAY. AND THEN IF YOU WANT TO MOVE  
2   ON TO ADJOURNMENTS?

3

4   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE PROCEED TO THE  
5   ADJOURNMENTS. START WITH FOURTH DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR KNABE,  
6   PLEASE.

7

8   **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I MOVE TODAY THAT WE MOVE  
9   IN MEMORY OF BESSIE MAE BRYANT, LONGTIME LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
10   EMPLOYEE AND RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE  
11   22ND OF AUGUST. BORN IN LOUISIANA AND MOVED TO CALIFORNIA IN  
12   1957, SHE STARTED EMPLOYMENT AS A LABORATORY ASSISTANT AT  
13   U.S.C. WORKING WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AS A NURSING  
14   ATTENDANT IN THE PEDIATRIC DEPARTMENT. OVER THE YEARS, SHE HAS  
15   WORKED AT M.L.K., COUNTY U.S.C. AND OBVIOUSLY ONE OF HER MOST  
16   SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS WAS TO HELP AND DEVELOP AND START  
17   THE M.L.K. CENTER LABORATORY, WHICH FIRST OPENED ITS DOORS FOR  
18   SERVICE. SHE WAS A VERY HARD WORKER, NEVER MISSED A DAY OF  
19   WORK. SHE WORKED FOR THE COUNTY FOR 49 YEARS AND ONLY THREE  
20   MONTHS LEFT BEFORE RETIRING FROM 50 YEARS OF SERVICE AS A  
21   SENIOR LABORATORY ASSISTANT AT THE U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. SHE  
22   WILL BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER TWO  
23   DAUGHTERS, GENA AND MONA, TWO GRAND DAUGHTERS, SIX BROTHERS  
24   AND SISTERS, AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO WE ADJOURN  
25   IN MEMORY OF BILL MILHOUS, WORLD WAR II VETERAN AND OWNER OF





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1 THE HISTORIC AND POPULAR SEAFARE INN RESTAURANT IN WHITTIER,  
2 PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 18TH AT THE AGE OF 90. BORN AND RAISED  
3 IN WHITTIER. WAS A COUSIN OF FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON. ATTENDED  
4 FULLERTON UNION HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE MET HIS FUTURE WIFE  
5 DOROTHY WHO HE MARRIED IN 1944. HE SERVED IN THE NAVY, FOUGHT  
6 IN THE PACIFIC IN THE U.S.S. JAMES KYES DESTROYER. IN 1961,  
7 BILL AND HIS WIFE OPENED THE SEAFARE INN IN WHITTIER WHICH AT  
8 THE TIME WAS ONE OF THE ONLY PLACES YOU COULD FIND FRESH  
9 AUTHENTIC SEA FOOD. HE AND HIS WIFE RAN THE RESTAURANT UNTIL  
10 THEIR RETIREMENT IN '84, AT WHICH POINT IT WAS TURNED OVER TO  
11 HIS SON. HE WAS KNOWN BY THE RESIDENTS AS A WARM AND FRIENDLY  
12 BUSINESS OWNER, LOVING MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY, WILL BE DEEPLY  
13 MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS TWO SONS GARY  
14 AND SCOTT, TWO DAUGHTERS, MARY ANN, SHARON, SIX GRANDCHILDREN  
15 AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. FINALLY, I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
16 MEMORY OF A GOOD FRIEND AND ONE OF MY APPOINTEES WHO PASSED  
17 AWAY SUDDENLY, THAT'S MR. JOHN PARSONS, A FORMER REDONDO BEACH  
18 CITY COUNCILMEMBER, CURRENTLY A PLANNING COMMISSIONER THERE AS  
19 WELL AS A COMMISSIONER FOR ME ON SOCIAL SERVICES. HE PASSED  
20 AWAY LAST THURSDAY, GOT DIZZY AFTER A CITY COUNCIL MEETING,  
21 HAD A MAJOR STROKE AND PASSED AWAY THE NEXT DAY. HE WAS ONLY  
22 61 YEARS OLD. JOHN WAS RECOGNIZED AS A PATCH "GREATEST PERSON"  
23 LAST YEAR, WAS A WELL-RECOGNIZED FIGURE IN REDONDO BEACH  
24 POLITICS, AS I SAID, REDONDO BEACH CITY COUNCIL PLANNING  
25 COMMISSION, VERY ACTIVE IN THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND I WOULD



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1 SAY ALSO SOUTH BAY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, BUT ALSO THE SOUTH  
2 BAY ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBERS WHICH HE HELPED INITIATE AND ONE  
3 OF THE MOVERS AND SHAKERS AND LEADERS TO HELP US SAVE THE LOS  
4 ANGELES AIR FORCE BASE. WE CAN NEVER FORGET JOHN'S  
5 PARTICIPATION IN WHAT HE DID THERE EACH AND EVERY DAY. HE IS  
6 SURVIVED BY HIS WONDERFUL WIFE MARY AND HIS TWO DAUGHTERS  
7 DANIELLE AND NICOLE. JOHN PARSONS, AGE 61, DEAR FRIEND, VERY  
8 SUDDEN.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR  
11 KNABE. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS, ONE OF OUR GREAT  
14 ASTRONAUTS PASSED AWAY AND THAT WAS COLONEL C. GORDON  
15 FULLERTON, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY PASSED  
16 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 76. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF CAL TECH WITH  
17 DEGREES IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING. HE JOINED EDWARDS AIR FORCE  
18 BASE IN 1964 AS A RESEARCH PILOT FOR N.A.S.A.'S DRYDEN FLIGHT  
19 RESEARCH CENTER, BECAME AN ASTRONAUT IN 1966 WITH THE AIR  
20 FORCE MANNED ORBITING LABORATORY PROGRAM WHICH WAS THEN WITH  
21 N.A.S.A. COLONEL FULLERTON FLEW NUCLEAR BOMBERS FOR THE  
22 STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND DURING THE COLD WAR, HELPED DESIGN SPACE  
23 SHUTTLE COCKPIT, PILOTED THE SPACE SHUTTLE TWO TIMES INTO  
24 SPACE AND FERRIED IT FROM EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE TO FLORIDA  
25 MANY TIMES. HE WAS INDUCTED INTO THE ASTRONAUT HALL OF FAME IN



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1 2005, THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE HALL OF FAME IN 1982, AND A  
2 FELLOW OF THE SOCIETY OF EXPERIMENTAL TEST PILOTS. HE ALSO IS  
3 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, MARIE, AND THEIR CHILDREN AND SISTERS.  
4 DORIS MAY BOYDSTON, RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND  
5 MOTHER OF COUNCILMEMBER, TIM BEN BOYDSTON. PASSED AWAY ON  
6 AUGUST 13TH AT THE AGE OF 92. SHE HAD BEEN A NURSE 50 YEARS  
7 SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS DURING THE NURSES'  
8 CORPS DURING WORLD WAR II AND LATER AS A NURSE FOR THE BERMITE  
9 POWER COMPANY AND PALMDALE HOSPITAL. QUITE ACTIVE IN HER  
10 COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPATED IN MANY CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS  
11 THROUGHOUT HER LIFE. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER FOUR SONS AND THREE  
12 DAUGHTERS. LAVONNE O. CANTRELL, RETIRED DEPUTY WITH THE LOS  
13 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. HER LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS  
14 THE SYBIL BRAND INSTITUTE. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 77. DALE  
15 RUIS PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 71, RETIRED LIEUTENANT WITH THE  
16 COUNTY'S SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS THE  
17 COMMUNICATIONS AND FLEET MANAGEMENT BUREAU. RAYMOND EDWARDS  
18 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF MONROVIA.  
19 25 YEARS IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AND RESERVES AND LONG-  
20 TIME EMPLOYEE WITH THE AEROJET IN AZUSA. PROUD MEMBER OF THE  
21 VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, MASONIC LODGE, ELKS, AND SENIOR  
22 CENTERS BOTH IN MONROVIA AND ARCADIA. HE LEAVES HIS SONS,  
23 GRANDCHILDREN AND THREE STEP- GRANDCHILDREN. AND WILLIAM  
24 RICHARD GRIVICH PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 63. 22-YEAR CAREER  
25 WITH THE CITY OF MONROVIA IN THE WATER DEPARTMENT. AND HE



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1 LEAVES HIS WIFE AND HIS THREE CHILDREN, FIVE GRANDCHILDREN.

2 THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR  
5 YAROSLAVSKY, ADJOURNING MOTIONS?

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE  
8 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF TED POST, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR  
9 DISTRICT AND VETERAN TELEVISION AND MOVIE DIRECTOR FOR MORE  
10 THAN SIX DECADES WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95.  
11 TED WAS BORN IN BROOKLYN. HE BEGAN HIS PROFESSIONAL DIRECTING  
12 CAREER IN THE EARLY DAYS OF LIVE TELEVISION. WENT ON TO DO  
13 DOZENS OF TELEVISION EPISODES FOR SUCH SERIES AS "THE TWILIGHT  
14 ZONE," "PERRY MASON," "THE DEFENDERS" AND "COMBAT." HE'S  
15 PROBABLY BEST KNOWN FOR HIS WORK WITH CLINT EASTWOOD DIRECTING  
16 TWO DOZEN EPISODES OF "RAWHIDE" IN THE LATE 1950S, AND LATER  
17 THE FEATURES "HANG 'EM HIGH" AND "MAGNUM FORCE." HIS 1978 FILM  
18 "GO TELL THE SPARTANS" IS WIDELY REGARDED AS ONE OF THE BEST  
19 WORKS ABOUT THE VIETNAM WAR. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 72  
20 YEARS THELMA, DAUGHTER LORI, WHO WAS MARRIED TO BURT MARGOLIN  
21 AND A SON ROBERT, ALSO A BROTHER JOE, AND SISTER RUTH, FOUR  
22 GRANDCHILDREN AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN  
23 IN MEMORY YEHUDA LEV. [SILENCE.] YEHUDA WAS A JOURNALIST  
24 VETERAN OF BOTH WORLD WAR II AND ISRAEL'S WAR OF INDEPENDENCE  
25 IN 1948. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86 IN PROVIDENCE, RHODE



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1 ISLAND. HE WAS BORN IN NEW YORK, RAISED IN FOREST HILLS. HE  
2 WAS THE SON OF A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN, SERVED THE UNITED  
3 STATES ARMED FORCES-- IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHEN  
4 HE ENLISTED IN WORLD WAR II. FOLLOWING HIS DISCHARGE, HE WAS  
5 MOVED BY THE PLIGHT OF HOLOCAUST VICTIMS AND OTHER REFUGEES.  
6 HE HELPED LEAD AN EFFORT TO ASSIST AND RESETTLE DISPLACED  
7 PERSONS AFTER THE WAR, MANY OF THEM SURVIVORS OF THE  
8 HOLOCAUST. AFTER THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE, HE BECAME THE  
9 ENGLISH VOICE OF THE VOICE OF ISRAEL, ISRAEL'S RADIO STATION  
10 WHERE HE WAS THE COMMENTATOR OF THE PROGRAM "JERUSALEM  
11 CALLING." WHEN "THE JEWISH JOURNAL" WAS ESTABLISHED HERE IN  
12 LOS ANGELES, HE BECAME THE PAPER'S FIRST ASSOCIATED EDITOR AND  
13 ICONOCLASTIC COLUMNIST WITH HIS COLUMN, "A MAJORITY OF ONE."  
14 LATER STILL, HE RELOCATED TO PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND WITH HIS  
15 SECOND WIFE, ROSA MARIA PEGUEROS, A PROFESSOR OF WOMEN'S  
16 STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND WHERE HE RESUMED HIS  
17 JOURNALISTIC WORK THERE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE ALONG WITH  
18 FOUR CHILDREN, DANIEL AND DAVID LOW, DEFNA LOW SMITH AND  
19 ARIELA LOW GRAGG, AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. HE WAS A LONGTIME  
20 PERSONAL FRIEND OF MINE AND A GREAT, GREAT HUMAN BEING.  
21 FINALLY, ANNE KATZ SAMSON, A RESIDENT OF BEVERLY HILLS WHO  
22 DIED TRAGICALLY A LITTLE OVER A WEEK AGO IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT  
23 ON THE 101 FREEWAY. BORN 1947 IN SALZBURG, AUSTRIA IN A  
24 DISPLACED PERSONS CAMP, SHE EMIGRATED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1949,  
25 BECAME ACTIVE IN A NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS, YOUTH GROUPS WHERE



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1 SHE MET HER FUTURE HUSBAND, LEE SAMPSON, ANOTHER LONGTIME  
2 FRIEND. SHE COMPLETED COLLEGE AND BECAME A LEGAL SECRETARY AS  
3 HER HUSBAND HELPED ESTABLISH THE WEST COAST REGIONAL OFFICE OF  
4 THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SYNAGOGUE YOUTH. TOGETHER THEY HAVE  
5 SUPPORTED MANY SYNAGOGUES AND PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATIONS IN  
6 OUR COMMUNITY AND FORGED CLOSE TIES TO A NUMBER OF OTHERS  
7 WHERE TWO OF THEIR CHILDREN, MANY OF OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS,  
8 EVENTUALLY SETTLED IN THE STATE OF ISRAEL, AND EVENTUALLY  
9 ESTABLISHING A SECOND HOME IN JERUSALEM. SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
10 HER HUSBAND LEE, THREE CHILDREN DANI, ALIZA, TALY, OTHER  
11 FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. THOSE ARE MY  
12 ADJOURNMENTS.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR  
15 YAROSLAVSKY. ADD ME TO YEHUDA LEV FROM A DISTINCT RECOLLECTION  
16 OF THE INTERVIEW WHEN I WAS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SOUTHERN  
17 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE. IT'S MEMORABLE AND IT  
18 ESTABLISHED A SIGNIFICANT POINT OF DEMARCATION ON MATTERS OF  
19 CONSEQUENCE, SOME NATIONAL, MORE LOCAL. MAY I ADJOURN IN  
20 MEMORY OF MERLIN DAGGETT WHO PASSED AWAY ON THE SEVENTH OF  
21 AUGUST AT THE AGE OF 73. SHE WAS BORN IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS AND  
22 MOVED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1956. MS. DAGGETT GRADUATED FROM  
23 CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES WITH HONORS AND  
24 EARNED HER MASTER'S DEGREE FROM CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN  
25 UNIVERSITY. SHE WAS A DEDICATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER AT





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1 66TH STREET SCHOOL FOR OVER 40 YEARS AND A DEACONESS AT THE  
2 MOUNT SINAI MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. MS. DAGGET IS SURVIVED  
3 BY HER CHILDREN, NEELIA, CHRISTOPHER, GEORGETTE AND A HOST OF  
4 FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO WILL MISS HER DEARLY. MERLIN DAGGETT.  
5 FREDERICK RESPICIO DE LA CRUZ. MR. DE LA CRUZ WAS BORN ON JUNE  
6 13, 1966 IN LOS ANGELES AND PASSED ON AUGUST THE TENTH AT THE  
7 AGE OF 47. HE ATTENDED LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL WHERE HE WAS A  
8 MEMBER OF THE VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM. HE WAS EMPLOYED WITH  
9 UNITED PARCEL SERVICE AND DESCRIBED THE CAMARADERIE WITH HIS  
10 FELLOW COLLEAGUES AS A BROTHERHOOD. A TRUE SPORTS ENTHUSIAST,  
11 FRED ENJOYED PLAYING GOLF AND WAS A FAN OF THE LAKERS, THE  
12 RAMS, NOTRE DAME AND THE DODGERS. ON A VISIT TO BOSTON, HE WON  
13 THE HOT SHOT CONTEST IN THE "UNCLE" CATEGORY DURING A HARVARD  
14 CRIMSON GAME. HIS LOVE FOR SPORTS WAS ONLY SURPASSED BY THE  
15 LOVE HE SHARED FOR HIS WIFE RHONDA AND THEIR SON MICHAEL. FRED  
16 DE LA CRUZ IS SURVIVED BY HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS, WHO WILL ALL  
17 MISS HIM DEVOUTLY. ELIZABETH SYBIL LEWIS BROWN, BORN ON AUGUST  
18 19TH, 1921, IN CLARKSVILLE, OKLAHOMA, PASSED ON AUGUST THE  
19 14TH AT THE AGE OF 91. SHE EARNED HER UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE  
20 FROM LANGSTON UNIVERSITY AND ENROLLED IN GRADUATE SCHOOL AT  
21 STILLWATER A&M COLLEGE. AFTER RELOCATING TO LOS ANGELES, MISS  
22 BROWN BEGAN HER PROFESSIONAL CAREER WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS  
23 ANGELES AND BECAME PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S FIRST AFRICAN-  
24 AMERICAN AND SECOND FEMALE DIRECTOR. AFTER 26 YEARS OF SERVICE  
25 TO L.A. COUNTY, SHE RETIRED AND MOVED TO CARSON WHERE SHE





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1 DEDICATED HER TIME AND EFFORTS TO CIVIC AFFAIRS. MISS BROWN  
2 WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN IN THE FORMATION OF THE CITY OF CARSON AND  
3 WAS A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER, AND A  
4 LIFE MEMBER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INC. SHE WILL BE  
5 REMEMBERED AS A PIONEER, A STRATEGIST, A ROLE MODEL AND FONDLY  
6 SURVIVED BY HER SISTER GLORIA AND MANY FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO  
7 MOURN HER PASSING. BARBARA MOTT PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST THE  
8 17TH, RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES FOR MORE THAN 89 YEARS,  
9 DESCRIBED AS A LOVER OF NATURE, WILDLIFE ENTHUSIAST AS WELL AS  
10 A WORLD TRAVELER. SHE ENJOYED SPENDING TIME IN MAUI AND WAS A  
11 SUPPORTER OF HOPE FOR PAWS, PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND GREENPEACE.  
12 SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, NANCY, BROTHER MELVIN,  
13 GRANDCHILDREN, AUDREY, JOANNA ERICA AND EMMA, MANY FAMILY AND  
14 FRIENDS WHO CELEBRATE HER LIFE AND INDEED MOURN HER PASSING.  
15 THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS. AND I SIMPLY HAVE AN  
16 ITEM I WISH TO READ IN THAT RELATES TO THE LIVING WAGE  
17 ORDINANCE AND MAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THERE HAS BEEN ONE  
18 ADJUSTMENT TO THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE SINCE 1999, 2004 THERE  
19 WAS SOME TREATMENT OF THE ITEM. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE TIME  
20 FOR REPORT BACK IS DUE. INSTRUCTIONS ARE RATHER PLAIN SPEAKING  
21 TO THE ISSUES OF METHODOLOGY, ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF THE  
22 INVESTMENT IN TERMS OF COST OF LIVING AND A REVIEW FOR THE  
23 BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF THE MECHANISM FOR PERIODIC  
24 INVESTMENTS TO THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE TO REFLECT THE COST  
25 OF LIVING. THERE IS A REPORT BACK FOR OUR CONSIDERATION IN



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1 2011. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION OF A  
2 MATTER. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE WERE DUE TO REVIEW IT. IT'S  
3 INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE EXCEPTION  
4 HAS SEEN ONE SUCH ADJUSTMENT HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
5 IN THE SEVEN YEARS. HENCE IN 2006 THE BOARD APPROVED SUCH, AND  
6 THAT WAS WITHOUT HEALTH BENEFITS. WITH HEALTH BENEFITS IT WAS  
7 A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT NUMBER. AT THIS RATE, A WORKER WHO WORKS  
8 40 HOURS WITHOUT HEALTH BENEFITS EARNS APPROXIMATELY \$25,000  
9 PER YEAR. A WORKER WITH HEALTH BENEFITS VALUED AT  
10 APPROXIMATELY \$4500 AND THEN EARNS \$20,000 PER YEAR IN WAGES.  
11 IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE WISH TO BE CURRENT IN TERMS OF WHAT THE  
12 LIVING WAGE IS FOR THE WORKFORCE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
13 I SIMPLY APPEAL TO THE BOARD HAVE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
14 AS INSTRUCTED AND THEN WE'LL JUST COME BACK IN COORDINATION,  
15 CONSULTATION WITH THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO UPDATE US PURSUANT  
16 TO THE INSTRUCTIONS, THAT IS A READ-IN MOTION. IF THERE'S NO  
17 OBJECTIONS TO THE REPORT BACK, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. ALL  
18 RIGHT. MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

19  
20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE  
21 READY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

22  
23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL TAKE THE  
24 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC. WE WILL BEGIN WITH LEONARD ROSE,  
25 ROBERT PEEL, ARNOLD SACHS, PATRICK O'ROURKE, BOBBY COOPER.



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1 DENISE PAZ. OSCAR JOHNSON. MICHAEL GREEN. TERESIJA SIGMUND.  
2 JOHN WALSH. FAVIOLA GARIBRAY, ED GUTIERREZ. PATRICIA MULCAHEY,  
3 AND FINALLY DAVID SERRANO. COME IN THAT ORDER. THE FLOOR IS  
4 YOURS, SIR.

5

6 **LEONARD ROSE:** LEONARD ROSE HERE, GOOD EVENING, BOARD. I'M HERE  
7 TO TALK ABOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL THAT SHERIFF LEE BACA  
8 HAVE ALL KIND OF PROGRAMS FOR GANGS AND DRUGS AND ALCOHOL AND  
9 THEN THEY HAVE PROGRAMS RECOVERY CENTERS FOR HELP THESE  
10 INMATES. AND A STUDY OF THE RECOVERY CENTER, \_\_\_\_\_ WITH GOD,  
11 IF A CHURCH COULD HAVE THAT IN A CHURCH AND HELP THESE INMATES  
12 TO GET A REHAB HOME, MAN HOME. PEOPLE NEED TO STUDY THE BIBLE,  
13 GO TO CHURCH AND THEY GOT ALL THE PROGRAMS THERE. AND I GIVE  
14 YOU GUYS SEVEN TRUMPETS, THE END TIME AND WHAT'S GOING ON,  
15 NEWS IN SYRIA, LIBYA, AFGHANISTAN, WIN THE WAR AND WE'RE NEAR  
16 THE BEGINNING THE END THE WAR AND SEVEN TRUMPETS GOING TO BE  
17 NEXT THEN JESUS GOING TO COME AT ANY TIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
18 TIME.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
21 WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

22

23 **OSCAR JOHNSON:** MY NAME IS OSCAR. I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING  
24 POOR. I SPEAK FOR CULTURE CHANGE. I KNOW LAST WEEK WHEN I  
25 SPOKE, I LOOKED FOR THE MESSAGE TO COME ON CHANNEL 58 AND I



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1 WAS LEFT OFF. BUT, ANYWAY, I LIKE TO SPEAK ABOUT 75,000  
2 PEOPLES A YEAR IS LINKED TO ALCOHOL-RELATED DEATHS YEARLY. WE  
3 SHOULD-- AMERICA WOULD BE A BETTER COUNTRY IF WE CAN LIVE BY  
4 THE CONSTITUTION THAT GOVERNS US. PROGRAM MONEY IS  
5 UNCONSTITUTION. WE SHOULD END UNFIT AUTHORITY THROUGH LAW  
6 ENFORCEMENT. WE HAVE A LOT OF UNFIT AUTHORITY IN THESE LAST  
7 DAYS. WE FIND WHITE PEOPLE DO NOT CARE ABOUT THE CONDUCT OF  
8 THEIR \_\_\_\_\_ INDUSTRY. WHITE FOLK DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH RESPECT  
9 FOR BLACK FOLK TO BE IN AUTHORITY OVER BLACK FOLKS. WE SHOULD  
10 HAVE BLACK AUTHORITY OVER BLACK FOLKS. WE SHOULD END GUN  
11 VIOLENCE. WE SHOULD STOP GUNS FROM COMING INTO AMERICA. WE  
12 SHOULD STOP DRUGS FROM BEING MADE IN AMERICA. WE SHOULD STOP  
13 GUNS FROM BEING MADE IN AMERICA. WE SHOULD STOP GUNS FROM  
14 COMING IN AMERICA.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
17 AND WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **DENISE PAZ:** OKAY. HI. OH, HI. ACCORDING TO "THE DAILY NEWS" AN  
20 AUDIT WAS RELEASED D.C.F.S. ARE CONTINUING SPENDING PUBLIC  
21 FUNDS TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WERE SUPPOSED TO GO TO  
22 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE TO BUY NECESSITIES. INSTEAD THE FUNDS  
23 WENT TO FANCY RESTAURANTS SUCH AS CHEESECAKE FACTORY, P.F.  
24 CHANG'S, GLEN IVY HOT SPRINGS, SPAS, STARBUCKS AND RED  
25 LOBSTER. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOU OUGHT TO BE ASHAMED. THIS



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1 IS THEFT AND FRAUD OF PUBLIC FUNDS. AND D.C.F.S. L.A. COUNTY  
2 SHOULD BE ACCOUNTABLE. D.C.P.S. ALSO SPENDS MORE THAN \$200,000  
3 ON ENTERTAINMENT SINCE MARCH. WHEN OUR POOR FOSTER CHILDREN  
4 WHO AGE OUT OF THE SYSTEM HAVE TO GO THROUGH THEIR OWN EFFORTS  
5 TO SURVIVE, THEY ARE EATING OUT OF GARBAGE CANS, OUTREACH  
6 PANTRIES, COLLECTING FOOD STAMPS AND FOSTER CHILDREN ARE  
7 LIKELY TO GO THROUGH AN EPISODE OF HOMELESSNESS BY THE AGE OF  
8 24. ALSO D.C.F.S. IS SNATCHING 600 FOSTER KIDS SINCE MAY AND  
9 CAN'T EVEN ACCOMMODATE HOUSING. IT'S BEEN ON THE PAPER  
10 YESTERDAY. AND I WILL ADDRESS THIS LOS ANGELES TIMES ARTICLE  
11 NEXT WEEK BECAUSE MY TIME IS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,  
14 MS. PAZ. SIR?

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16 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** ALL RIGHT. I WAS GOING TO SHOW YOU A PICTURE  
17 OF MY DAUGHTER TO GO AHEAD AND HOPEFULLY WARM YOUR COLD  
18 HEARTS. THE FACT IS THAT SINCE 2000, SINCE THE KATY A.  
19 SETTLEMENT, D.C.F.S. HAS BEEN MORE DISRESPECTFUL TO THIS  
20 COUNTY IN ITS ORDERS THAN ITS WHOLE ENTIRE SHERIFF'S  
21 DEPARTMENT, THE JAILS AND ANY OTHER DEPARTMENTS COMBINED. THEY  
22 STILL ARE CONTINUING TO VIOLATE THE TERMS OF THE KATY A.  
23 SETTLEMENT, THE GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS OF THE PREVIOUS YEARS,  
24 AND THEY CONTINUE TO FLY IN THE FACE OF ORDERS OF THIS COUNTY  
25 BECAUSE THIS CASE IS GOING TO THE STATE. I PETITION THIS



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1 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO LOOK AT ITSELF AND UNDERSTAND  
2 THAT IT HAS NO CONTROL. IT HAS ADMITTED THAT IT HAS NO  
3 CONTROL. AND IT HAS REFUSED TO EXERT ANY REAL CHANGE AMONG THE  
4 STATE-RUN AGENCY MANDATED BY FEDERAL GUIDELINES. THIS BOARD  
5 NEEDS TO GO AHEAD AND WAKE UP BECAUSE YOU CAN BE CHARGED TOO,  
6 AND YOU CAN BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE UNDER CERTAIN ACTS. AND YOU  
7 KNOW WHAT THOSE ACTS ARE. I WOULD LIKE YOU TO GO AHEAD AND  
8 PLEASE CONTACT ME, 424-214-9816. WE FATHERS FOR JUSTICE WOULD  
9 LOVE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH YOU TO EDUCATE YOU AND HELP YOU  
10 UNDERSTAND WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.  
13 SIR, WE'LL TAKE THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

14

15 **MICHAEL GREEN:** THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE  
16 THE CHAIR AND ALL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HERE TODAY FOR  
17 GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU. MY NAME IS MICHAEL  
18 GREEN. I'M THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR S.E.I.U. FOR LOS ANGELES  
19 COUNTY FOR LOCAL 721. JUST A BRIEF STATEMENT. BEFORE, EARLIER  
20 TODAY, WE HAD HUNDREDS OF OUR WORKERS OUT THERE AS WELL AS THE  
21 WORKFORCE TO SPEAK AT A PRESS CONFERENCE RIGHT ON THE STEPS,  
22 TO NOTIFY EVERYONE ABOUT THEIR FRUSTRATIONS AND WHAT WE WANT  
23 TO ACCOMPLISH WITH THE LIVING WAGE CAMPAIGN HERE IN LOS  
24 ANGELES. UNFORTUNATELY, YOU WASN'T ABLE TO BE OUT THERE, BUT  
25 YOU CAN LOOK AT IT ON THE NEWS THIS EVENING. AS WE RECOGNIZE



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1 THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY ON THE MARCH IN WASHINGTON AND REFLECT ON  
2 HOW FAR WE'VE COME SINCE DR. KING DELIVERED HIS MEMORIAL WORDS  
3 THAT DAY, WE SHOULD NOT FORGET THAT ONE OF THE GOALS OF THE  
4 CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT WAS AN END TO POVERTY. FOUR MONTHS  
5 LATER, PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON LAUNCHED THE WAR ON POVERTY.  
6 UNFORTUNATELY, WE ARE STILL FIGHTING THAT WAR TODAY. AND SADLY  
7 IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS, POVERTY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS  
8 GROWN TO 17 PERCENT. MORE THAN ONE OF EVERY SIX RESIDENTS IS  
9 LIVING IN POVERTY. MANY ARE IN FAMILIES WITH ADULTS WHO HOLD  
10 FULL-TIME JOBS THAT DO NOT PAY ENOUGH TO ADEQUATELY SUPPORT A  
11 HOUSEHOLD WITHOUT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. IN 1999 THE BOARD  
12 RECOGNIZED THAT CALIFORNIA MINIMUM WAGE WAS NOT ADEQUATE AND  
13 ESTABLISHED A LIVING WAGE ORDINANCE WITH A BASE WAGE OF \$9.46  
14 PER HOUR. HOWEVER, IN THE 14 YEARS SINCE IT WAS ESTABLISHED,  
15 THE LIVING WAGE HAS BEEN ADJUSTED ONLY ONCE, SEVEN YEARS AGO  
16 IN 2006. SINCE 1999 THE COST OF LIVING IN L.A. COUNTY HAS  
17 RISEN OVER 44 PERCENT. MEANWHILE, THE LIVING WAGE HAS BEEN  
18 INCREASED BY ONLY 25 PERCENT. IN A REPORT TO THIS BOARD IN  
19 2004, THE COUNTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE CALCULATED THE  
20 LIVING WAGE BASED UPON THE STANDARD THAT ENABLES AN EARNER TO  
21 PURCHASE GOODS THAT ARE ADEQUATELY SATISFIED THE BASIC  
22 SUBSTANTIVE NEEDS WITHOUT PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. THE CALCULATION  
23 WAS THAT AN INDIVIDUAL EARNER WHO USED THE PRIVATE AUTOMOBILE  
24 BUT DOES NOT HAVE EMPLOYER-PROVIDED HEALTH INSURANCE WOULD  
25 NEED TO EARN \$12.90 PER HOUR TO MEET THAT STANDARD.





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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

3

4 **MICHAEL GREEN:** SINCE 2004, THE COST OF LIVING IN LOS ANGELES  
5 METROPOLITAN AREA HAS RISEN SUBSTANTIALLY UPDATED TO ACCOUNT  
6 FOR INFLATION THAT \$12.90 PER HOUR WOULD NOW BE \$15 PER HOUR.  
7 IT IS NOT ONLY THE EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY CONTRACTORS BUT THE  
8 COUNTY WORKERS THEMSELVES, YOUR DIRECT EMPLOYEES, WHO ARE  
9 STRUGGLING TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES ON LOW WAGES. THOUSANDS OF  
10 COUNTY WORKERS INCLUDING NURSES ASSISTANTS, CLERKS,  
11 CUSTODIANS, LABORATORY ASSISTANTS, AND RECREATIONAL SERVICE  
12 LEADERS START LESS THAN \$13 PER HOUR. IN 1963, ORGANIZERS OF  
13 THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON CALLED FOR AN INCREASE OF THE FEDERAL  
14 MINIMUM WAGE TO \$2 PER HOUR. AND IN TODAY'S DOLLARS, THAT  
15 WOULD BE NEARLY 15 PER HOUR. TODAY, THE WAR ON POVERTY  
16 CONTINUES. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. GREEN, I'M SEEKING TO GET  
19 YOUR ATTENTION. I NOTE THAT YOU ARE VERY INTENTIONALLY FOCUSED  
20 ON YOUR SCRIPT. BUT I'M SEEKING TO GET YOUR ATTENTION.

21

22 **MICHAEL GREEN:** OH, I DIDN'T HEAR.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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1   **MICHAEL GREEN:** ALL RIGHT.

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3   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY.  
4   YOU HAVE ONE SENTENCE THAT YOU WILL CONCLUDE WITH?

5

6   **MICHAEL GREEN:** YES. IT IS TIME TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT LOS  
7   ANGELES COUNTY LIVING WAGE. THANK YOU.

8

9   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SHALL WE  
10   PROCEED? MA'AM?

11

12   **PATRICIA MULCAHEY:** YES. IN REFERENCE TO THE KATY A. SETTLEMENT  
13   AND GOING AGAINST THE BROWN ACT, ALSO REFERENCE TO THIS  
14   ARTICLE TODAY, 18 MONTHS SENTENCE IN MEDI-CAL FRAUD. NOW, ALSO  
15   WHAT RECOURSE DO I HAVE WHEN THEY FILE FALSE SHERIFF'S REPORTS  
16   AND IN REGARDS TO ANITA BOCK, SO FORTH AND SO ON? I WANT AN  
17   INVESTIGATION. AND ALSO THE HEALTHCARE ACT, WHICH IS  
18   DIANE.ROWAN@MACPAC. DIANE.ROWLAND@MACPAC. I WANT MY MINUTE  
19   BACK THAT YOU WERE TRYING TO SPEAK. ALL RIGHT? NOW ALSO WITH  
20   REGARDS TO THE D.C.F.S. COPYING FROM MY SISTER'S, HER CHART,  
21   MARGARET ANN STEVENS, AND NOT DOING WHAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO  
22   DO WHEN I WAS BATTERED AND ALSO WHAT RECOURSE DO I HAVE WHEN  
23   THE SHERIFF FILES FALSE REPORTS IN REGARDS TO SANTA CLARITA  
24   AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION AND ALSO CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATION  
25   WITH SECTION 8?



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
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5 **ED GUTIERRIEZ:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS ED GUTIERREZ.  
6 I'M HERE REPRESENTING L.A.A.N.E., THE L.A. ALLIANCE FOR A NEW  
7 ECONOMY. L.A.A.N.E. HAS WORKED OVER THE YEARS ON NUMEROUS  
8 LIVING WAGE POLICIES THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES THAT HAVE AFFECTED  
9 THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF WORKING FAMILIES AND HAVE BROUGHT  
10 SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC IMPACTS TO LOS ANGELES. WE HELPED RAISE  
11 THE WAGE AT L.A.X, HELPED PASS A POLICY FOR HOTEL WORKERS IN  
12 LONG BEACH, AMONG OTHER LIVING WAGE MEASURES. IN EVERY CASE,  
13 WE HAVE SEEN HOW FAMILIES SUSTAINING WAGES HAVE TRANSFORMED  
14 WORKERS' LIVES AND BROUGHT MUCH NEEDED INVESTMENT IN OUR LOCAL  
15 COMMUNITIES. IN OTHER MUNICIPALITIES, LIKE SAN JOSE, SAN  
16 FRANCISCO, SEATTLE, JUST TO NAME A FEW, THERE HAVE BEEN OR  
17 WILL OR ARE BEING CONSIDERED THE ADOPTION OF LIVING WAGE  
18 MEASURES FOR CONTRACTED WORKERS THAT ARE CURRENTLY HIGHER THAN  
19 THE COUNTY'S STANDARD. THEREFORE, L.A.A.N.E. IS HERE TODAY TO  
20 EXPRESS WHOLE HEARTED SUPPORT FOR RAISING THE WAGE LEVEL HERE  
21 IN L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MA'AM?

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1   **TERESIJA SIGMUND:** LAST THURSDAY WHEN I SAW MY SON RIVER, HE'S  
2   ONLY FOUR YEARS OLD, HE TOLD ME THAT JAMIE HEINIE, THE  
3   D.C.F.S. WORKER TOLD HIM HE WON'T COME HOME. NOW YOU EXPLAIN  
4   TO ME WHY DOES YOUR SOCIAL WORKER TELL A FOUR-YEAR-OLD HE  
5   WON'T COME HOME? FIRST OF ALL, IT'S AGAINST COURT ORDER FOR  
6   HER TO DISCUSS THE CASE WITH THE CHILD, SECONDLY JUST HAVE  
7   SOME COMMON DECENCY. THIS IS A LITTLE FOUR-YEAR OLD, HE IS  
8   ALMOST IN TEARS TELLING ME HE WOULD LIKE TO COME HOME BUT HE'S  
9   BEING TOLD BY JAMIE OVER THERE THAT HE CAN'T HOME. WHAT ARE  
10   YOU GOING TO DO, SEND ME TO YOUR LITTLE UGLY MARINE WHO IS  
11   GOING TO DO NOTHING? THESE PEOPLE ARE SO SAVAGE BEHAVING  
12   TOWARDS THESE CHILDREN. AND YOU DO NOTHING, WHICH MAKES YOU  
13   NOT MUCH BETTER. THEN MY SON'S SENTENCE, AGAIN RED EYES AT  
14   4:00 IN THE AFTERNOON. HE HAD SEVERE CAT ALLERGIES. HE HAD THE  
15   SNUFFY RUNNY NOSE. HE HAD THE COUGH. THE COURT-ORDERED ALLERGY  
16   TESTING. YOU REFUSE THE TESTING. WHAT IS MY KID HIGH AT 4:00  
17   IN THE AFTERNOON? WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO HIM THAT HE HAS THESE  
18   OUTBREAKS? IT'S ALLERGY TESTING THAT YOU REFUSE TO DO THAT  
19   NEED TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION.

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21   **ARNOLD SACHS:** WELL, THANK YOU. I WAS HOPING THIS MEETING WOULD  
22   HAVE STARTED OFF ON A GOOD FOOT. I WAS GOING TO THANK YOU FOR  
23   HAVING THE GRAFFITI REMOVED FROM THE FLORENCE STATION. I WOULD  
24   HOPE THAT IT WOULD BECOME PART OF YOUR "SEE SOMETHING, SAY  
25   SOMETHING" PROGRAM THAT WOULD EXPAND TO THE COUNTY, THE CITY



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1 AND EVEN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM SO THAT THAT KIND OF GRAFFITI  
2 DOESN'T EXIST. THREE WEEKS FOR THAT TO BE UP THERE. PROBABLY 2  
3 MILLION PEOPLE SAW THAT GRAFFITI. ONE PERSON REPORTED IT.  
4 THAT'S A SHAME. BUT THEN FIND OUT THAT ALL OUR TIME IS LIMITED  
5 ON EVERY DISCUSSION ITEM REGARDING LEGITIMATE COUNTY BUSINESS.  
6 THAT'S ANOTHER SHAME. TO HAVE ALL THESE PEOPLE IN HERE FROM  
7 ALL THESE THINK TANKS AND ORGANIZATIONS, GOVERNOR BROWN,  
8 EDMUND BROWN ORGANIZATION, VOTERS RIGHTS ORGANIZATION.  
9 SOMEBODY NEEDS TO STEP UP AND SAY: WE SHOULD BE A LITTLE BIT  
10 MORE INVOLVEMENT IN THE PUBLIC'S OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THE  
11 AGENDAS IN GOVERNMENT.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. WALSH? MR. WALSH HAS NOTED  
14 THAT THE TOOLS THAT YOU USE IN YOUR PRESENTATION HAVE SET A  
15 TREND.

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17 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. WALSH?

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21 **JOHN WALSH:** WAIT A SECOND. WHERE IS MISS MOLINA? SHE HASN'T  
22 BEEN HERE FOR TWO WEEKS. YOU KNOW, THE D.W.P., THEY FOUND OUT  
23 THAT THEY DIDN'T NEED DOCTOR'S NOTES AT D.W.P. AND THEY  
24 CRACKED DOWN ON THEM. I DON'T KNOW IF SHE'S HEALTHY. I HAVE NO  
25 IDEA. IF YOU WANT TO KEEP QUIET ABOUT IT, FINE. COME TO OUR



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1 WEBSITE, HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG AND YOU'LL FIND OUT. AS FAR AS  
2 SHE WAS HERE EARLIER? WELL, DID SHE BECOME ILL AND LEAVE?  
3 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. SHE WASN'T HERE LAST WEEK. I'M  
4 WATCHING OUT FOR YOUR HEALTH. I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT MR.  
5 RIDLEY-THOMAS IS RUNNING ONE OF HIS TWINS FOR THE ASSEMBLY. WE  
6 ARE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO THAT CANDIDATE BECAUSE IT ADDS AGE  
7 DIVERSITY. BUT WHAT WE DON'T WANT IS AUTUMN BURKE, YVONNE  
8 BRAITHWAITE BURKE. COME TO OUR WEBSITE NOW AND YOU WILL SEE  
9 AUTUMN BURKE DOING A SEXY DANCE WITH THE FIRST LADY, MICHELLE.  
10 IT'S RIGHT THERE. YOU CAN SEE IT. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. SERRANO?

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14 **DAVID SERRANO:** REALITY IS JESUS CHRIST IS GOD, THE CREATOR OF  
15 HEAVEN AND THE UNIVERSE, AMEN. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL ISLAMIC  
16 HISTORY THAT IS ACCEPTED BY MUSLIM RELIGIOUS LEADERS, THE  
17 MUSLIM MUHAMMAD MARRIED AYESHA WHEN SHE WAS EITHER SIX YEARS  
18 OF AGE OR SEVEN YEARS OF AGE. HER AGE IS ACCORDING TO THE  
19 ISLAMIC LUNAR CALENDAR. IN YEMEN, RELIGIOUS LEADERS  
20 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT ACCORDING TO ISLAMIC LAW, THERE SHOULD NOT BE  
21 A MINIMUM AGE FOR MARRIAGE. IN YEMEN, THERE IS NO LEGAL  
22 MINIMUM AGE FOR GIRLS TO MARRY BECAUSE IT IS AGAINST ISLAMIC  
23 LAW TO HAVE A MINIMUM AGE TO MARRY. IN SAUDI ARABIA, THERE IS  
24 NOT A MINIMUM AGE FOR MARRIAGE BECAUSE SAUDI ARABIAN RELIGIOUS  
25 LEADERS ARE PROUD, THE MUSLIM MUHAMMAD MARRIED 6-YEAR-OLD



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1 AYESHA AND PRACTICED A FORM OF CHILD MOLESTATION ON HER KNOWN  
2 AS TYING UNTIL SHE WAS NINE YEARS OLD. AND WHEN SHE AYESHA WAS  
3 NINE YEARS OLD, THE MUSLIM MOHAMMED DEFINITELY HAD SEXUAL  
4 INTERCOURSE WITH LITTLE NINE-YEAR-OLD AYESHA. THE REALITY IS  
5 THE QUR'AN IS EVIL AND THE HADITHS ARE EVIL AND THE AND THE  
6 FALSE PROPHET MOHAMMED--

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MR. SERRANO, MR. SERRANO? YOUR  
9 TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. YOU'RE DISMISSED. [SILENCE.]  
10 MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE.

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12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
13 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM  
15 C.S.-1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
16 LITIGATION. ITEM NO. C.S.-3, CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR  
17 WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND DESIGNATED STAFF AND ITEM NO. C.S.-4,  
18 DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS AS INDICATED ON THE  
19 POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE  
20 NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS SCHEDULED  
21 FOR SEPTEMBER 3RD, 2013 AT 1 P.M. THANK YOU.

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1           **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION AUGUST 27, 2013**

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5       In closed session, item CS-1 was continued one week to  
6       September 3, 2013.

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8       In open session item CS-2 was continued to September 24, 2013.

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10      There was no reportable action on items CS-3 or CS-4.

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